



Town of Westminster

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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MINUTES of MEETING January 3, 2019

To: Selectmen
Board of Health
Building Commissioner
Town Clerk

Present: Chairman Dan Bartkus, Vice Chairman Gary Smith, Members: Tim Sheehan, Carrie Monty, Secretary Susan Kalagher, and Agent Matt Marro

Absent: Robert Gendron

Guests: Robert Francis, Frank Calandra, Mildred Mercier, John Mercier, Jim Bagley, Matthew Moyer

Documents, Plans and other Exhibits

1. Plan – Lot B1 South Ashburnham Road
2. Photo – 5 Hill Road
3. Plan – 187 West Mains Street Solar / Koski Solar
4. Plan – 180 State Road East / Grumman
5. Plan – 6 Lake Drive West
6. Easement – 180 State Road East

Dan Bartkus opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was not being recorded.

Extensions and Certificates of Compliance:

The following Extension and Certificates of Compliance were approved upon recommendation by Conservation Agent Matt Marro.

1. Rebanna Road / Normandin / #336-0677 / mail to Atty. James Donovan
2. Rebanna Road / Normandin / #336-0479 / mail to Atty. James Donovan

Cresticon Easement / 180 State Road East

The Cresticon Easement for 180 State Road East was previously approved. The final draft required the Conservation Commission members sign.

Mail, Minutes,

Mail was read and distributed

The Minutes of November 29, 2018 were approved.

**NOI CONTINUATION
180 State Road East
Grumman / Lutz**

7:10 pm The Continuation of the Notice of Intent requested by Scott Lutz of Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation for the remediation of hazardous materials was opened. Frank Calandra of Vertex Companies was present and gave the overview of the project along with Jim Bagely. Comments from DEP were addressed including a monitoring protocol. The Division of Fisheries and Wildlife has designated the Whitman River and several nearby tributaries as Cold Water Fish Resources. A Wildlife Habitat Evaluation was discussed. Fifty-two cubic yards of contaminated soil will be removed and the sequence to minimize disruption was reviewed. Contaminated materials will be temporarily stockpiled. Restoration will create habitat. Mr. Calandra stated that this is a sensitive area and not a human health risk. Bob Francis asked about abandonment of some of the wells, and the removal of trees to access the area and this was addressed by Mr. Calandra. 7:35 pm The public hearing was continued to Wednesday, January 23, 2019.

**RFD CONTINUATION
Lot B1 South Ashburnham Road
Francis / Whitman River Dam**

7:35 pm The Continuation of the public meeting requested by Bob Francis for the construction of a single-family home with driveway, lawn, sewage system, and well on Lot B1 South Ashburnham Road was opened. Mr. Francis was present and the plan had been approved and signed by the Board of Health. The house itself is not in the buffer zone and minor activity is within the outer part of the buffer zone. Matt Marro recommended a negative number 3 determination. After review the plan was unanimously approved and the public meeting was closed at 7:43.

**RFD CONTINUATION
5 Hill Road
Mercier**

7:43 pm The public meeting continued from November 29, 2018 was opened. The hearing was continued due to the failure of the Gardner News to advertise the legal notice for this RFD. The applicants, John and Mildred Mercier were present and presented their plan to replace an existing 9 foot section of a retaining wall that is in disrepair. The use of concrete blocks was discussed and the applicant can call Josh Hall to find the approximate time of the draw-down. The Merciers will hire a contractor to do the work and have him talk with Matt Marro before commencing work to discuss best possible practices. Matt made a site visit and determined that there are no wildlife habitat implications and recommended a negative #3 determination with a unanimous approval from the Commission. The public meeting was closed at 7:50 pm.

**RFD
187 West Main
Koski Solar**

7:50 pm The public meeting continued from November 29, 2018 was opened. The hearing was continued due to the failure of the Gardner News to advertise the legal notice. The applicant is Koski Solar, LLC c/o Nicholas Galletout and property owners are Eva and Joyce Koski. Matt Moyan from Tetra Tech gave the overview of the plan to include the construction of a ground mounted solar energy facility. Matt Marro examined the wetland delineation and found it to be accurate, and it appears to be out of any applicable buffer zones and

recommended a negative determination. After review, the plan was unanimously approved on motion by Gary Smith and second by Carrie Monty. The public meeting was closed at 7:58.

AMENDMENT DEP#336-0873
6 Lake Drive West
Bessette

7:58 pm The Amendment requested by Greg and Denise Bessette for the removal of an old camp and to build a new single family home. The Order of Conditions was issued on June 5, 2017 for a septic system repair. The applicant was not present and the hearing was continued to February 23rd.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Bartkus
Chairman
(prepared by Susan Kalagher)