



Town of Westminster

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF MEETING

January 4, 2024

The meeting was held in room 222 in Westminster Town Hall.

**To: Selectmen
Board of Health
Building Commissioner
Town Clerk**

Present: Chairman Dan Bartkus, Members: Tim Sheehan, Anthony Maressa, Carrie Monty, Vic Pelletier, Conservation Agent Matt Marro, and Secretary Susan Kalagher

Absent: none

Guests: M.L. Altobelli, Chris Mossman, Alison Bergeron, Linda Bergeron, Dayna Gant, Mike Bailey

Plans, Photos, Documents and Other Exhibits

Plan 83 West Princeton Road
Plan 76 Worcester Road
Photo 32 Honeybee Lane
Plan 102 North Common Road

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm in room 222 of Westminster Town Hall by Chairman Dan Bartkus. The meeting was not recorded.

CONTINUED NOIs – PENDING ISSUANCE OF DEP #

1. 83 West Princeton Road / Vanderhoof & Rielly
2. 102 North Common Road / Bergeron

Appointment: M.L. Altobelli / Finish Co-op Building

M.L. Altobelli asked the Commission if they would be agreeable to transferring the custody of the Co-op building on Leominster Street to the Agricultural Commission. Dan Bartkus suggested and the Commission agreed that M.L. Altobelli move forward with the transfer of the custody of the Co-op building. Matt Marro stated that this would have to be approved at a Town Meeting, but also suggested looking into a 99 year lease agreement.

**NOI Continuation
76 Worcester Road
Arsenault**

The public hearing requested by David Arsenault for the construction of a new single-family house with septic system, well, driveway and associated grading at 76 Worcester Road was opened. Chris Mossman of Trowbridge Engineering represented the applicant and provided a revised plan dated 1/3/2024 and a storm water report as requested by DEP along with a newly issued DEP number. The new plan was reviewed including two proposed infiltration basins, the location of swales and check dams. After discussion, Matt Marro suggested that the Commission allow the location of the swales and check dams to be 30 feet from the wetlands as contours did not allow for them to be 50 feet. Anthony Maressa recused from the vote as an abutter. Matt Marro stated that he had no issues with this plan. With no further questions from the Commission and no questions for the attendees of the meeting, Tim Sheehan made a motion to approve the plan with conditions. Vic Pelletier seconded the motion and Anthony Maressa abstained. The motion passed.

**RFD / Continued
32 Honeybee Lane
Gant**

The public hearing requested by Dayna Gant for the removal of 8 trees at 32 Honey Bee Lane was opened. Mike and Dayna Gant were present and photos of the trees the Gants wished to remove were viewed. Matt Marro noted that there would still be plenty of over-story remaining. The stumps near the house would be ground and the others would be left in place. The plan also included the replacement of the deck. Mr. Gant intends to use Screw Piles which would cause little impact to the surrounding landscape. With no further questions, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the plan as a negative determination with a motion by Tim Sheehan and second by Carrie Monty.

**NOI
102 North Common Road
Bergeron**

A DEP number has not been issued, but the Commission agreed to look at the plan at the request of Alison Bergeron. It was noted that the septic is in and she hopes to have it hooked up by spring. She will return to the next meeting in 3 weeks. Tim made a motion to Continue with all in favor.

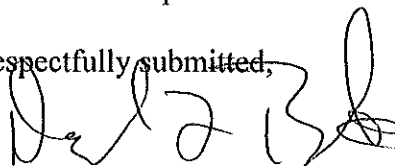
MINUTES

The Commission unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the meeting from December 7 2023

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned with all in favor at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Bartkus', written over the words 'Respectfully submitted,'.

Dan Bartkus, Chairman
(prepared by Susan Kalagher)