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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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MINUTES of MEETING March 12, 2020

To: Selectmen
Board of Health
Building Commissioner
Town Clerk

Present: Chairman Dan Bartkus, , Member: Tim Sheehan, Carrie Monty, Agent Matt Marro, and Secretary Susan Kalagher

Absent: Gary Smith, Robert Gendron

Guests: Robert & Kathie Cress, Justine Fairbanks, Jill Normandin, Dominic Meringolo, Lee Pelletier, Tom Curran, Jameson Bastarache, Derek Knerr

Documents, Plans and other Exhibits:

1. Plan – 33 White Pine Drive / Traditional Con
2. Plot Plan – 19 North Shore / May, Fairbanks, Cress
3. Solitude Lake Management Annual Report

Dan Bartkus called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was recorded by Jill Normandin.

Appointment:

Wyman Lake Association

Dominic Meringolo from Solitude Lake Management gave the 2019 year-end report for aquatic vegetation management for Wyman Lake. He discussed results from an early season survey and water quality sampling, the herbicide treatment in July, a vegetation survey and water quality sampling after the herbicide treatment in July, as well as a late season survey and water quality sampling in September. The results for the water quality tests were excellent, algae levels were good. About 60 acres were treated and the plan is to continue management. Matt Marro reminded them to send a copy of the report to the Fitchburg Water Department. There is currently no immediate plan to treat native nuisance plants. Mr. Meringolo also discussed the use of copper sulfate and chelated copper for this year.

**RFD
33 White Pine Drive
Traditional Concepts**

7:15 pm. The public meeting for 33 White Pine Drive was continued. Dan Bartkus would abstain from the vote leaving only two Commissioners – not enough for quorum.

Enforcement Orders:

Matt Marro issued the following Enforcement Orders that were approved and signed by the Commission:

1. White Pine Drive / Traditional homes - earth work was being done during an unusual rain event causing mud to flow into the brook. The site has been cleaned up and gravel added where Matt specified. Mr. Carlson was ordered to street sweep the site daily until May 2020 and Whitman and Bingham is working on an erosion control strategy plan and evaluating if any cleanup of the brook is necessary.
2. Old Town Farm Road / Griffin – Although the home is not within the buffer, it caused mud to flow over the road and into the stream. It has been cleaned up and Matt ordered daily street sweeping.

**NOI
19 North Shore Drive
Cress**

7:20 pm. The public hearing requested by Katherine M. Fairbanks for the reconstruction a single family home and including the refurbishing of an existing boat house and repairs to the existing retaining wall on the lake at 19 North Shore Drive was opened. Matt Marro gave the overview of the project and stated that there will be no impacts to the flood plain and no filling or grading has been proposed. It is a simple demo and rebuild in the same foot print area. Work on the retaining will be done by hand and repair of the shed/boat house is structural and not a rebuild or expansion. Matt recommended that an Order of Conditions be issued. Carrie Monty made a motion to approve pending DEP issuing a number. All were in favor. The public hearing was closed.

Ellis Road Solar:

Matt Marro has lifted the Cease & Desist Order issued to Ellis Road Solar for beginning work without the decommission bond in place. The bond is now in place.

Field Change:

39 Kent Road / John Harrington – Matt Marro reported the Mr. Harrington has been compliant with his Order of Conditions and the changes that he is asking are very minor and asked the Commission to approve. The field change was unanimously approved.

Certificates of Compliance:

The following Certificates of Compliance are both duplicates and will be hand delivered by Matt Marro.

1. 193 Ellis Road / Rocheford Law Office / #336-0313
2. 9 Bean Porridge Hill Road / Bovenzi / #336-0089

3 Year Extension – Westminster Business Park

A 3 year Extension for Westminster Business Park #336-0574 was requested by McCarty Engineering for the construction of the Phase II definitive subdivision roadway in Westminster Business Park was granted with all in favor.

Minutes:

The following Minutes were approved and signed:

- February 13, 2020

Mail was read and distributed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Bartkus

Chairman

(prepared by Susan Kalagher)