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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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MINUTES of MEETING March 23, 2017

To: Selectmen
Board of Health
Building Commissioner
Planning Board
Highway Department
Town Clerk

Present: Chairman Dan Bartkus, Vice-Chair Gary Smith, Members: Tim Sheehan, Robert Gendron, John Regan, and Carrie Monty, Secretary Susan Kalagher

Absent: Bob Maki

Guests: Chris MacKenzie, Brian Marchetti, Glenn Krevosky

Documents & Plans and other Exhibits

1. Plan – B-16 Rock Maple Lane
2. Plan – B-26 Rock Maple Lane
3. Plan – B-31 Rock Maple Lane
4. Plan – B-42 Rock Maple Lane
5. Plan – Westminster Business Park
6. Photo – 438 South Ashburnham Road

Robert Gendron called the meeting was called order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was not recorded.

Minutes, Mail:

The Minutes of March 2, 2017 were unanimously approved:
Mail was read and distributed.

Dan Bartkus left the meeting and Gary Smith recused himself from voting on the public hearings for Rock Maple Lane: Tim Sheehan chaired the hearings on Rock Maple Lane.

NOI
Lot B-16 Rock Maple Lane
Off Bean Porridge Hill Road
Westminster Estates

7:10 p.m. The public hearing filed by Daniel Bartkus and Westminster Estates for the construction of a single family home on Lot B-16 Rock Maple Lane was opened. Chris MacKenzie of Whitman & Bingham Associates gave the overview of the project and submitted proof that abutters had been notified. The proposed work will include the construction of a portion of a new house, private water supply well, a portion of the driveway, and some site grading related to the construction work within the wetland buffer. A silt fence and hay bale barrier will be installed. There were no questions or comments from the audience. Upon motion by John Regan and second by Robert Gendron, the Commission voted to approve the project with conditions. The hearing was closed at 7:15 p.m.

NOI
Lot B-26 Rock Maple Lane
Off Bean Porridge Hill Road
Westminster Estates

7:15 p.m. The public hearing filed by Daniel Bartkus and Westminster Estates for the construction of a single family home on Lot B-26 Rock Maple Lane was opened. Chris MacKenzie of Whitman & Bingham Associates gave the overview of the project and submitted proof that abutters had been notified. The work will include the construction of a portion of a new house, private water supply well, and site grading related to the construction work within the wetland buffer. A man-made wetland, possibly created by a neighbor was discussed. A silt fence and hay bale barrier will be installed. There were no questions from the audience. After review, the Commission voted to approve the project with conditions upon motion by John Regan and second by Robert Gendron . The hearing was closed at 7:20 p.m.

NOI
Lot B 31- Rock Maple Lane
Off Bean Porridge Hill Road
Westminster Estates

7:20 p.m. The public hearing filed by Daniel Bartkus and Westminster Estates for the construction of a single family home on Lot B-31 Rock Maple Lane was opened. Chris MacKenzie of Whitman & Bingham Associates gave the overview of the project and submitted proof that abutters had been notified. The work will include the construction of a portion of a new house, driveway, and private water supply well and related site grading. The location of the septic system was discussed. There were no questions from the audience. After review, the Commission voted to approve the project with conditions upon motion by John Regan and second by Robert Gendron. The hearing was closed at 7:25 p.m.

NOI
Lot B-42 Rock Maple Lane
Off Bean Porridge Hill Road
Westminster Estates

7:25 p.m. The public hearing filed by Daniel Bartkus and Westminster Estates for the construction of a single family home on Lot B-42 Rock Maple Lane was opened. Chris MacKenzie of Whitman & Bingham Associates gave the overview of the project and submitted proof that abutters had been notified. The work will include the construction of a portion of a new house, driveway, and a private water supply well, and site grading. Hay bales and silt fence will be installed. There were no questions from the audience. After review, the Commission voted to approve the project with conditions upon motion by John Regan and second by Robert Gendron. The hearing was closed at 7:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m. Dan Bartkus returned to chair the meeting.

RFD
Westminster Business Park
Industrial Drive

7:30 p.m. The public meeting for a plan for a wetland replication area at the first crossing was opened. Glenn Krevosky of EBT Environmental Consultants gave the overview of the plan. Due to an error on the Order of Conditions referencing the correct plan, but with a mistake in the size of the replication area, Mr. Krevosky has requested the approval of 193 square feet of replication area to comply. A track truck and mini excavator will be used. No trees will be removed. Mr. Krevosky also reported on the status of the brook trout in the stream at the business park and he expected that they would begin hatching any day. Dan Bartkus thanked Mr. Krevosky and reported the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries have been very happy with all the work done at the business park. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the project with conditions. The public meeting was closed at 7:40 p.m.

AMENDMENT
438 South Ashburnham Road
Bradford

7:40 p.m. The Amendment to the Order of Conditions issued to Bob Francis (#336-0845) for 438 South Ashburnham Road was opened. Jeff Bradford requested the amendment for the removal of trees considered to be a safety hazard at the meeting of March 2, 2017. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the amendment. The public hearing was closed at 7:45 p.m.

This is John Regan's last meeting as he will be relocating to the Cape. Dan Bartkus and the Commission thanked John and wished him well.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Bartkus
Chairman
(prepared by Susan Kalagher)