



Town of Westminster

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MINUTES OF MEETING

November 12, 2020

THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION WILL MEET REMOTELY. YOU MAY JOIN THE ZOOM MEETING AT <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7370885635> Meeting ID: 737 088 5635 or One tap mobile +19292056099,7370885635# US

To: Selectmen
Board of Health
Building Commissioner
Town Clerk

Present: Chairman Dan Bartkus, Vice Chair Gary Smith, Members: Tim Sheehan, Robert Gendron, Agent Matt Marro, and Secretary Susan Kalagher

Absent: Carrie Monty

Guests: Kevin Young, Joe Powers, Brian Marchetti, Susan Zebley, Denise Gaudet, Steve Donahue, Wes Flis

Documents, Plans and other Exhibits

1. Plan – 18 Hy Road
2. Plan – 54 Gatehouse Road
3. Plan - 25 Wachusett Drive
4. Plan – 175 State Road East
5. Plan – Lot A Frog Hollow Road
6. Plan – Lot B Frog Hollow Road

Dan Bartkus called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was recorded by Matt Marro and Rob Gendron.

Minutes:

There was not a quorum of Commissioners that were present at the meeting of October 22, 2020. The Minutes of October 22, 2020 were not signed.

**NOI
18 Hy Road
Gaudet**

7:05 pm. The public hearing requested by James and Denise Gaudet for the replacement of a boulder retaining wall with a modular block retaining wall along the shoreline of Wyman Pond and the installation of a new patio at 18 Hy Road was opened. Brian Marchetti of McCarty Engineering gave the overview of the plan on behalf of

the Gaudet's. Abutter notification cards were scanned and emailed to Matt Marro. Approximately 95 linear ft. of the existing boulder retaining wall will be removed and replaced with a modular block retaining wall following the same alignment. The boat launch will be shifted approximately 4 ft. to better align with the patio. The high-water line of Wyman Pond is within the 25 ft. no alteration buffer zone. The property is within the 100 year floodplain however, the installation of the proposed patio will result in an increase in floodplain volume on the property. There is no plan to fill or alter the slope. Work will be scheduled during draw-down of the pond. Robert recused himself from the vote but reserved his right as an abutter to comment. He then asked about the use of filter paper. Brian Marchetti responded that plan calls for the use filter paper and together with the modular block retaining wall there will not be opportunity for silt to get into the pond. The site will be accessed by a rubber tracked mini excavator with minimum impact to the lawn area. There were no questions from abutters. Upon motion and second the plan was approved with Rob Gendron abstaining. Matt Marro will call the applicant when the Order of Conditions has been signed. The public hearing was closed at 7:15 pm.

NOI
54 Gatehouse Road
Lessard & Zebley

7:15 pm The public hearing requested by Jacqueline Lessard and Susan Zebley for rebuilding an existing collapsed wall on the shoreline of Wyman Pond was opened. Their representative gave the overview of the project and is requesting permission to install 46 linear feet of rip rap and reposition the granite slabs to protect and prevent further erosion. A tree that was damaged due to a storm event will also be removed from the shoreline. These will be no expansion of the wall in length or height. Conservation Agent, Matt Marro has been on site and recommended repositioning the granite slabs. Rob Gendron recused himself but reserved his right as an abutter to comment and asked about their intention to use filter paper and was informed that Mr. Streeter will be doing the work and he intends to use filter paper. Tim made a motion to approve the plan as presented with a second from Gary Smith. The motion passed and the public hearing was closed at 7:24 pm.

NOI
25 Wachusett Drive
Coflesky

7:24 pm. The public hearing requested by Michael Coflesky for the construction of a patio in the 100 ft. buffer zone and the 100 year flood plain at 25 Wachusett Drive was opened. Kevin Young gave the overview of the proposed project that will also include a walkway to a retractable dock. Dan Bartkus asked for clarification of the location of the silt fence. A spill kit will be on site during work. Rob Gendron recused himself but reserved his right as an abutter to comment. Matt Marro made a site visit and is working with the landscaper and the applicant to insure that everything will be in good order. Material will be removed and replaced with graded base. Additional vegetation will be added to buffer storm water running down a steep driveway to the pond. A motion to approve was made and seconded and the motion passed. The public hearing was closed at 7:32 pm.

NOI
175 State Road East
LaFortune / Wachusett Brewing Co.

7:32 pm The public hearing requested by Ned LaFortune of Wachusett Brewing Co. was opened. Brian Marchetti of McCarty Engineering represented the owners. Due to the expansion of the business, the parking lot needs to be improved to meet their needs. The applicant would like to add a new 22 ft. dedicated access driveway for trucking, deliveries, and employees to provide an improvement to pedestrian safety. They would also like to expand the current parking area by restriping portions of it to provide an increased parking area without increasing the pavement area. This would require the replacement of the current detention basin and an

underground infiltration basin. Silt and sediment has accumulated in the basin and diminished its infiltrative capacity and will be excavated to 2.5 feet removing the clay material. Catch basin hoods will be installed. A new drain line will also be installed to route run off through the catch basins and fore bays to improve the quality of the stormwater runoff. A pea stone filter layer will also be installed and the applicant has filed a LID application. The chamber layout was explained, maintenance schedules were discussed. Matt Marro requested that yearly maintenance report be submitted to the Conservation Commission. Joe Powers of Wachusett Brewing Co explained that this will be a multi-phased approach. Rob Gendron recused himself. There were no questions from the audience. After further review Dan Bartkis called for a vote and it was voted to approve and the hearing was closed at 8:00 pm.

**2 NOIs / CONTINUATIONS
Lot A & Lot B Frog Hollow Road
Ketola/Edgewater Construction**

8:00 pm. Elijah Ketola requested a continuation for Lot A and Lot B Frog Hollow Road. The Public Hearing was first opened on August 20th. The Commission unanimously voted to continue to December 3, 2020.

120 State Road West / EDF Renewables #336-0880 Minor Modification

Wes Flis of Whitman and Bingham Associates represented EDF Renewables Distributed Solutions to request a minor modification to their solar plan. National Grid has requested a relocation of poles to 10 ft. off the driveway. This will require some alteration of the wetlands. Trees and limbs of trees will be removed without machinery entering in the wetland and limiting the actual disturbance. Work will be minimal. Dan Bartkus asked about the number of poles that will be repositioned: the answer was 8 to 9 poles will be repositioned. With no further questions, it was unanimously voted to approve the minor modification.

Certificates of Compliance:

The following Certificates of Compliance was unanimously approved:

442 South Ashburnham Road / Lehtola / #336-0545

5 Laurie Lane / Rocheleau / #336-0844

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Bartkus
Chairman
(prepared by Susan Kalagher)