



Town of Westminster

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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AMENDED MINUTES OF MEETING
September 10, 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: Carrie Monty, Robert Gendron, Tim Sheehan, Agent Matt Marro, and Secretary Susan Kalagher

Absent: none

Guests: Steve Donahue, A.J. Coates, Buffy Gamache

Documents, Plans and other Exhibits

1. Plan – Lot A Frog Hollow Road
2. Plan – Lot B Frog Hollow Road
3. Plan – Route 140 Worcester Road Improvement
4. Mid State Trail Map

Dan Bartkus called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The meeting was recorded by Matt Marro and Robert Gendron.

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

7:02 pm. The Continuation of the public hearings requested by Elijah Ketola for Lot A and Lot B Frog Hollow Road was continued at the request of the applicant and was continued to October 1, 2020.

**NOI
Route 140 / Worcester Road Reconstruction
Westminster DPW**

7:03 pm. The Continuation of the public hearing for the reconstruction of a portion of Route 140 (Worcester Road) was continued at the request of the applicant and was continued to October 1, 2020.

Mid State

The relocation of the Mid State Trail through Westminster Business Park as discussed at the last Conservation Meeting was unanimously approved with all in favor.

Option for First Refusal

Matthew Pearson requested at 2.56 acres on Bragg Hill Road be removed from Chapter 61b. The land is located on Bragg Hill Road, Assessors Map 11, Parcel 1. It was determined that this parcel was not contiguous to Muddy Pond and upon motion Gary Smith and second by Carrie Monty, the Conservation Commission unanimously agreed to not exercise the first right of refusal.

Lawrence Realty Trust requested removal of 6.76 acres abutting Carted Road from Chapter 61b with the intent to convert this lot from recreational use to residential use. The Commission agreed to wait for more information before making a decision regarding the first right of refusal.

Minutes

The Minutes of August 20, 2020 were unanimously approved.

10 Old Town Farm Road

An Enforcement Order had been issued to A.J. Coates of 10 Old Town Farm Road for tree cutting along the riverfront. Mr. Coates intends to clean & grade the riparian zone and Matt Marro will work with him on a retroactive filing. Most of the work will be away from the water's edge. Matt stated that his lot predates the River's Act and that some of the trees that were removed were rotted and in poor shape.

Matt Marro briefly discussed the wetlands behind Larry Brandon's house. Hannigan Engineering is overseeing the remediation ordered under the enforcement and Matt is pleased with the progress. Both he and Paul Blanchard have inspected the site and will continue to monitor it.

Rob Gendron discussed complaints of gravel removal that were seen by boat and brought to his attention. Matt Marro and the Building Inspector will investigate.

There was a brief discussion of the possibility of meeting in person rather than remotely. Matt replied that DEP was accepting electronic files. The meetings will continue to be remote.

Carrie Monty requested that the Minutes be Amended to include the following: Carrie Monty has not signed off on paper work and can meet at Town Hall to sign. Matt commented that obtaining signatures has been difficult will be contacting her to sign paperwork on Monday.

Without any further questions, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded with all in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Bartkus
Chairman
(prepared by Susan Kalagher)