



Town of Westminster

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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MINUTES MEETING July 9, 2015

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

Present: Chairman Dan Bartkus, Vice Chair Gary Smith, Members: Tim Sheehan, John Regan, Agent Bob Maki, and Secretary Susan Kalagher

Absent: Carrie Monty

Guests: Brad Johnson, Mike Fortin, Christopher Landry, Michael Hartwell, Sandy Bowers, Sue Richards, Steve Boudreau, Raymont Arsenault, N. Anita Boudreau, Marilyn Arsenault, Lori MacDonald, Bob MacDonald, Linda Simeone, Bary Eiding, Sandra Eiding, Dean Johnson, Rob Brown, Diane & John Walters, Debra Johnson, Deborah Colageo, David Colageo, Erin Brown, Ashley Holtman, Jerry Powers, Susan Nickerson, Mark Popham, Peter E. Gregory, Paula Brown, Dwayne Beauvais, Carine Beauvais, Corey Hallock, Eugene Simeon, Thomas Connell, Patty Hurd, Jane LaRoche, Lynn Oski, Nathaniel Johnson, Richard Sparrow, Adam Gauvin, Marjolaine Connell

Documents, Plans, and other Exhibits:

1. Plan – 7 South Street
2. Plan – 75 Town Farm Road
3. Plan – 1 Laurie Lane
4. Plan – 69 Old Oak Avenue

Dan Bartkus called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was not recorded.

Minutes and Mail

The following Minutes were approved:

- The Minutes of June 11, 2015
- Mail was read and distributed

Enforcement Order ~ 71 rear Knower Road – Dean Johnson

7:00 p.m. The Conservation Agent issued an Enforcement Order to Mr. Johnson after the collapse of a chicken coop within the 100 ft. buffer zone to the wetland on July 1, 2015. In the Enforcement Order, Mr. Maki requested that silt fencing or hay bales be immediately installed across the entire rear of the building and that Mr. Maki be notified upon installation. Mr. Johnson appeared before the Commission along with friends, neighbors, and relatives from Westminster and other towns. Mr. & Mrs. Johnson were quite distressed with the Enforcement Order. Mr. Johnson stated that he had purchased the silt fence but wasn't able to install it because of the hard packed gravel and would have to rent a trench digger. Dan Bartkus had talked with Mr. Johnson and informed him that hay bales would not be necessary as long as the silt fence was installed. Mr. Johnson stated that farms were exempt from review for work within the scope of normal maintenance or improvement of agricultural land within the 100 ft. buffer. The silt fence had not been installed, and after lengthy discussion, Dan Bartkus agreed to stop by Johnson's Farm on Friday to show them where to install the silt fence. Discussion ended at 7:20 p.m.

1 Virginia Avenue / Order of Conditions

The Commission unanimously voted to deny the Order of Conditions for 1 Virginia Avenue on June 11, 2015. Sufficient information was not provided regarding the displacement of the proposed building and its compensatory storage on site as well as the configuration of the septic design. Conservation Commissioners signed the Order of Conditions.

**RFD
7 South Street
Westminster Police**

7:30 p.m. The public meeting for the Request for Determination of Applicability by Salvatore Albert of the Westminster Police Department for the installation of a precast slab on crushed stone was opened. After brief discussion, a motion was made to approve after recommendation by the Conservation Agent. The motion was unanimous to approve the plan. The public meeting was closed at 7:32 p.m.

**RFD
75 Town Farm Road
Greenstone Realty, LLC**

7:32 p.m. The public meeting for the Request for Determination of Applicability by Greenstone Realty, LLC for the reconstruction of a home destroyed by fire and previously demolished, the reestablishment of utility connections and upgrade of the septic system at 75 Town Farm Road was opened. Mark Popham represented the applicant. The fire-damaged house and foundation have been demolished. The proposed house will be in a new location. An unnamed perennial stream was discussed. Bob Maki had visited the site and upon his recommendation, the Commission unanimously voted to approve after a motion was made by Gary Smith and second by Robert Gendron. The public meeting was closed at 7:40 p.m.

RFD
1 Laurie Lane
LaRoche

7:40 p.m. The public meeting for an addition to a home at 1 Laurie Lane was opened. Jane LaRoche was present and discussed the proposed project. The addition would be 26 ft. x 32 ft. Bob Maki advised that a RFD be filed. The plan was unanimously approved upon motion by Robert Gendron and second by John Regan. The public meeting was closed at 7:45 p.m.

NOI
69 Old Oak Avenue
Brown

7:45 p.m. The public hearing for the extension of a porch area at 69 Old Oak Avenue was opened. Paula Brown explained her intention. Silt fence was shown of the sketch. The Commission voted unanimously to approve. The public hearing was closed at 7:50 p.m.

ENFORCEMENT ORDER / 71 rear Knower Road

The Commission unanimously voted to sign the Enforcement Order.

CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE

The following Certificates of Compliance were approved and signed upon recommendation by the Agent:

1. 12 Winturri Road / Richinick – issued in 1989 – the dock will be removed
2. 64 Oakmont Avenue / Johnson
3. 35 Laurie Lane / Pelletier
4. 34 Shore Avenue / Cybulski – to be hand delivered to John Vedoe at his request

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Bartkus
Chairman
(prepared by Susan Kalagher)

Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, July 30, 2015
- Thursday, August 20, 2015