



Town of Westminster

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF MEETING March 7, 2024

The meeting was held in room 222 in Westminster Town Hall.

**To: Selectmen
Board of Health
Building Commissioner
Town Clerk**

Present: Chairman Dan Bartkus, Members: Tim Sheehan, Anthony Maressa, Vic Pelletier, Carrie Monty, Conservation Agent Matt Marro, and Secretary Susan Kalagher

Absent: none

Guests: Alan Belanger, Joe Kraskouskas, Adalyse Kraskouskas, Amanda Rein, John Plifka, Chris Barnes, Linda McMahon, David McMahon

Plans, Photos, Documents and Other Exhibits

- Plan 83 West Princeton Road
- Plan 84 Fitchburg Road
- Plan 23 Hill Road
- Plan Knower Road Parcel 134-13 Notice of Intent Plan dated 1/25/2024
- Plan 2 Wintturi Road
- DEP Comments West Mini Storage

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm in room 222 of Westminster Town Hall by Chairman Dan Bartkus. The meeting was not recorded.

CONTINUED NOIs – PENDING ISSUE OF DEP #

1. 83 West Princeton Road / Vanderhoof & Rielly
2. Knower Road / VanDyke / Barkley Ent.

**NOI / Continued
84 Fitchburg Road
Belanger / West Mini Storage**

The public hearing requested by Al Belanger for West Mini Storage for a self-storage facility and associated site improvements at 84 Fitchburg Road was opened and a DEP # has been issued. John Plifka of McCarty Engineering Inc gave the overview of the project. The units will consist of shipping containers with a small amount of work proposed within the 100 ft. buffer. Comments from DEP were read and discussed. A snow storage area will be designated and signage posted. The applicant is proposing catch basins routed to an underground infiltration basin where it will be treated as required by MADEP Stormwater Management Standards. Testing prior to construction. The high ground water table was noted. TSS pretreatment was discussed and data will be provided. The location of haybales and silt fence was reviewed. After discussion by the Commission and with no questions from the audience, the plan was unanimously approved with conditions by a motion by Tim Sheehan and second by Vic Pelletier.

**RFD / Continued
23 Hill Road
O'Neill Kannell**

The public meeting requested by Jane O'Neill Kannell for the replacement of a wooden deck at 23 Hill Road was opened. Amanda Reid and Chris Barnes represented the applicant. The deck and stairs to make the beach more accessible were discussed. A composite material will be used and footings will be added for the steps. A 4 ft. x 5 ft. platform will be added with a pad at the bottom with very minimal disturbance. The location of hay bales and straw wattles were discussed. There were no questions from the audience. Tim Sheehan made a motion, seconded by Anthony Maressa, to approve as a negative determination with all in favor.

Forest Cutting Plan Release of Bond

The Commission had intended to harvest trees off of Bean Porridge Road but due to PFAS in this area it is not allowed. The Forester had provided a \$2,000. Bond. Tim Sheehan made a motion to release the amount of the bond. Carrie Monty seconded the motion with all in favor the motion passed.

**RFD
2 Wintturi Road**

The public meeting requested by Joseph and Adalyce Kraskouskas for the installation of a new well located approximately 75 ft. from the edge of Wyman Pond was opened. John Plifka of McCarty Engineering represented the applicants. The site is served by a tight tank. Silt fence and straw wattles will be used during construction. Matt Marro recommended a negative determination as the project is 75 ft. from the wetland. The plan was unanimously approved upon a motion by Tim Sheehan with a second by Anthony Maressa.

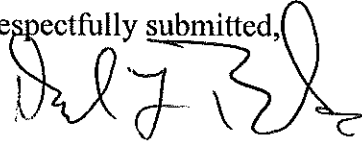
MINUTES

The Commission unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the meeting from February 15, 2024.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned with all in favor at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Bartkus', written over the words 'Respectfully submitted,'.

Dan Bartkus, Chairman
(prepared by Susan Kalagher)