



Town of Westminster

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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MINUTES MEETING

May 5, 2016

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

Present: Chairman Dan Bartkus, Vice Chairman Gary Smith, Members John Regan, Carrie Monty, Agent Bob Maki and Secretary Susan Kalagher

Absent: Robert Gendron, Tim Sheehan

Guests: Jamie Rheault, Chuck Caron, Jos. M. Boucher, Anne Boucher, Paul Grasewicz, Chris Mossman, Bob Francis

Documents & Plans and other Exhibits

1. Plan – 62 Oakmont Ave.
2. Plan – Oakmont Ave. Ryan's Ranch
3. Plan – Montachusett Regional Technical School
4. Plan – 438 South Ashburnham Road
5. Plan – 5 Laurie Lane

7:03 p.m. Dan Bartkus called the meeting to order. The meeting was not recorded.

Certificate of Compliance

Chris Mossman requested approval of a Certificate of Compliance for 98 Narrows Road #336-0798 for the Leger family. After a vote, it was unanimously approved, signed, and handed to Mr. Mossman.

**NOI
62 Oakmont Avenue
Boucher**

7:10 p.m. The public hearing requested by Anne Boucher for an upgrade to a septic system at 62 Oakmont Avenue was opened. Paul Grasewicz submitted proof of notification of abutters and

gave the overview of the project. The existing tank will be removed and a Presby system will be installed. Bob Maki recommended that hay bales be installed close to the wetland. A motion was made by John Regan to accept the plan as presented with the hay bales as discussed. All were in favor. The public hearing was closed at 7:15 p.m.

**AMENDMENT TO ORDER OF CONDITIONS
Oakmont Avenue / Ryan's Ranch
Christine Francis Trust**

7:15 p.m. The public hearing for an amendment to the Order of Conditions for Ryan's Ranch, Oakmont Avenue (#336-0603) was opened. Chuck Caron submitted proof of notification of abutters and gave the overview of the project for the next phase of the project including any earth removal, establishment of a pasture, clearing, grading, topsoil, seed & fencing. Mr. Francis plans to install 4,600 feet of silt fence. The turtle habitat was discussed and a barrier will be installed to keep turtles from migrating into the work area. After review, the Commission unanimously voted to approve with conditions. The public hearing was closed at 7:25 p.m. Bob Francis asked if the Commission would consider a Conservation Restriction of Ryan's Ranch. This property abuts the Jarvenpaa property and wraps around the back of Crocker Pond. Dan Bartkus suggested that he speak with Janet Morrison who is working on the Conservation Restriction for Matt Pearson's Bragg Hill Road property.

1A Tommy Francis Road

Bob Francis would like to extend the beach area and will file an amendment to do so.

**RFD
Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School**

7:30 p.m. The public meeting for the removal of existing tennis courts and the construction of an academic building with associated walkways and a parking lot at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School was opened. Jamie Rheault of Whitman & Bingham Assoc. gave the overview of the project. The road is a barrier to the Whitman River. The Commission determined that they did not have jurisdiction and unanimously voted to issue a negative determination. The public meeting closed at 7:40 p.m.

**NOI
438 South Ashburnham Road
Francis**

7:40 p.m. The public hearing for the construction of a new single family house, driveway, well, and septic system requested by Bob Francis was opened. Chris Mossman gave the overview of the project and submitted proof of notification of abutters. Other activities will include improvements to the existing beach area, installation of a removable dock, some tree cutting and pruning for vista enhancement. The slope of the property and silt fence was discussed. Upon motion by Gary Smith and second by Carrie Monty, it was unanimously voted to approve with conditions. The public hearing was closed at 7:45 p.m.

NOI
5 Laurie Lane
Rocheleau

7:45 p.m. The public hearing for the construction of a new stamped concrete patio with associated sloping / retaining wall and the removal of adjacent dead and dying hemlock trees at 5 Laurie Lane was opened. Chris Mossman submitted proof of notification of abutters and gave the overview of the project. The removal of the trees and grinding will take place during a dry period. The Commission unanimously voted to approve with conditions. The public hearing was closed at 7:50 p.m.

EXTENSION ORDER OF CONDITIONS

Wyman Pond
Wyman Lake Association

7:50 p.m. The request for an Extension to Order of Conditions (#336-0438) issued to Wyman Lake Association for continued maintenance of the aquatic vegetation by application of herbicides was unanimously approved.

Minutes & Mail:

The following minutes were unanimously approved:

1. Minutes, April 14, 2016

Mail was read and distributed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Bartkus
Chairman
(prepared by Susan Kalagher)