



Town of Westminster

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF MEETING November 16, 2023

The meeting was held in room 205 in Westminster Town Hall.

To: Selectmen
Board of Health
Building Commissioner
Town Clerk

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

Absent: Vic Pelletier

Guests: Justin leClair, Jeff White, Ellen Sheehan, Gregory Bassette

Documents, Plans and Other Exhibits

Plan 83 West Princeton Road
Plan 21 Rock Maple Lane
Land Grant 80 acres Ashburnham State Road
Plan 76 Worcester Road
Plan 17 Lake Drive East
Plan 1 Lake Drive West
Plan 6 Lake Drive West
Plan 345 South Ashburnham Road
Plan Meetinghouse Pond gatehouse

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.

LAND AGREEMENT

The Commission unanimously approved a motion made by Tim Sheehan and seconded by Anthony Maressa to accept the land acquisition agreement for the Town to accept approximately 80+/- acres of land including any buildings thereon located at 216 Ashburnham State Road. The agreement was signed and notarized by Ellen Sheehan, Town Clerk.

CONTINUED NOIs – PENDING ISSUANCE OF DEP #

1. 83 West Princeton Road / Vanderhoof & Rielly
2. 76 Worcester Road / Arsenault
3. West Princeton Road / Fitchburg DPW / Meetinghouse Pond gatehouse
4. 31 North Shore Drive / Young Landscapes / Normandin

NOI ~ CONTINUATION

**21 Rock Maple Lane
Zhuravlyov**

Dan Bartkus recused from the continuation of the public hearing for 21 Rock Maple Lane. The public hearing was continued due to an easement that was not located and shown on the plan. A new plan showing the easement for the electric line and shifting the location of the garage and shed was provided by Justin LeClair of McCarty Engineering. Matt Marro discussed a waiver of 25 ft. for grading and restoration planting. With no further questions, the plan was approved with a waiver of 25 ft. for grading after a motion by Anthony Maressa and second by Carrie Monty. Dan Bartkus recused from the vote.

RFD ~ CONTINUATION

**8 Pine Road
White**

The public meeting requested by Jeff White for a floating dock at 8 Pine Road was opened. The Determination was continued pending a chapter 91 waterways permit. Matt Marro recommended approval for the floating dock and the plan was unanimously approved upon a motion by Tim Sheehan and Anthony Maressa.

RFD ~ CONTINUATION

**40 Shore Avenue
Popinchalk**

Mr. Popinchalk was not present. Matt Marro recommended approval for the removal of an old wooden dock to be replaced with a fully removable dock. Tim Sheehan made a motion to approve a negative determination with a second by Carrie Monty and all in favor.

NOI ~ CONTINUATION

**1 Lake Drive West
Bessette**

The continuation of the public hearing for 1 Lake Drive West was opened and Mr. Bessette submitted proof of notification of abutters for 1 and 6 Lake Drive West. The location of the retaining wall and deck plan were approved by the zoning board. The retaining wall will be located 62 ft. from the waterline and hay bales are in place. Matt Marro noted that the hay bales

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had been in place 4 months and while they are in good condition at the present time they will need to be replaced after the winter. Materials will be stored away from the wetland and Bob Lucas will be doing the work. Stamped concrete pavers may be used. There are no run off issues from rain. Matt Marro will require a 2 day notice before work begins. A motion was made by Anthony Maressa to approve 1 Lake Drive East with conditions with all in favor.

**NOI ~ CONTINUATION
6 LAKE DRIVE EAST
BESSETTE**

The approved plan for the Construction of a new single family home, repair of the septic system, and retaining walls had expired. Construction will begin in the spring. The silt fence is in place. Mr. Besette was told that Matt will need a 2 day notice before any work begins. The plan was unanimously approved after a motion by Tim Sheehan to approve with conditions and second by Anthony Maressa.

**RFD
43 BATTLES ROAD
MARING**

Bob Proctor represented Ms. Maring and gave the overview for the replacement of a septic system. The flood plain was discussed and all work will be outside of it. Three trees will be removed. The Board of Health has approved the plan. Carrie Monty made a motion to approve with a second by Anthony Maressa and the plan was unanimously approved.

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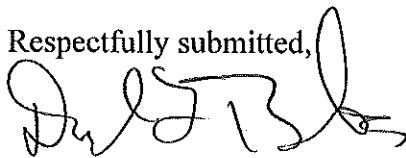
The Commission unanimously voted to approve the following minutes:

- The Minutes of August 24, 2023
- The Minutes of October 26, 2023

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned with all in favor at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Bartkus

Chairman

(prepared by Susan Kalagher)