



Town of Westminster

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF MEETING October 26, 2023

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, Vic Pelletier, Anthony Maressa, Carrie Monty and Agent Matt Marro, Secretary Susan Kalagher

Absent: none

Guests: Dustin Brisson, Chris Dohner, Pete Normandin, Mike Kunce, Chris Mossman, Ian Ainlie, Lar Greene

Documents, Plans and Other Exhibits

Plan 83 West Princeton Road
Plan 21 Rock Maple Lane
Plan 25 Barrel Road
Plan 76 Worcester Road
Plan 17 Lake Drive East
Plan 345 South Ashburnham Road
Plan Amendment Resource Control, Westminster Landfill
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.

MINUTES and VOUCHER

The Minutes of September 14, 2023 were unanimously approved.

A voucher for annual dues to Nashoba River Watershed \$50.00 was unanimously approved.

**Amendment #336-0983
Resource Control
Fitchburg Road**

The request for an Amendment made by Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. on behalf of Resource Control was opened and represented by Christopher Dohner who gave an overview of the project. The proposed change for a minor modification to the culvert which connects Basins 6 and 6A and is based on ground surface elevations which are slightly different than originally approved. Mr. Dohner explained that there will be no need to change any erosion control and no change to basin grading. After review the Commission unanimously approved the Amendment upon motion by Tim Sheehan and second by Carrie Monty. There were no questions from the audience.

**NOI
345 South Ashburnham Road
Normandin**

The public hearing requested by the Normandin group LLC for replacing a house destroyed by fire at 345 South Ashburnham Road was opened. Pete Normandin gave the overview of the project including the construction of a 58 ft. by 28 ft. house with an attached garage within the 100 ft. wetlands buffer. The existing well and septic will be used for the new house. New construction will consist of a 2-story building and be a smaller footprint than the original house. The plan was reviewed and with no questions from the audience Tim Sheehan moved to approve with conditions seconded by Anthony Maressa. The plan was unanimously approved and the Public Hearing was closed.

**RFD ~ CONTINUATION
40 Shore Avenue
Popinchalk**

Mr. Popinchalk was not present and the public meeting was continued.

**NOI
17 Lake Drive East
Wolkovich**

The public hearing requested by John Wolkovich for 17 Lake Drive East was opened. Chris Mossman gave the overview of the project including the demolition of the existing single family house and the construction of a new house including septic, grading, and landscaping with a retaining wall between the house and Ellis Pond. Matt Marro found no issues with the plan and with no questions from the audience the plan was unanimously approved with conditions after motion by Tim Sheehan and second by Carrie Monty.

**RFD ~ CONTINUATION
8 Pine Road
White**

The continuation of the public meeting for 8 Pine Road was continued.

**NOI ~ CONTINUATION
25 Barrel Road
Brisson**

The continuation of the public hearing for 25 Barrel Road was opened. Ian Ainslie, PE, Meisner Brem Corporation gave the overview of the project. All comments from DEP and the Commission were addressed including erosion control, stockpiling, a culvert, and a gravel construction entrance. With no further questions from the Commission and no questions from the audience, a motion was made by Tim Sheehan with second by Carry Monty and the project was unanimously approved and the public hearing was closed.

CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE AND EXTENSION

The following Certificates of Compliance were unanimously approved after recommendation Matt Marro.

1. N.E. Power #0977
2. 5 Gatehouse Road / Reynolds Law Office / #0747
3. 59B East Road / Streeter / #0965
4. 78 State Road West / Grenier / #0819

Approval of a correction for the following Extension approved August 24, 2023

1. Route 140 / DPW / #0946

CONTINUED – PENDING ISSUANCE OF DEP #

1. 83 West Princeton Road / Vanderhoof & Rielly
2. 76 Worcester Road / Arsenault
3. 1Lake Drive West / Bessette
4. 6 Lake Drive West / Bessette
5. West Princeton Road / Fitchburg DPW / Meetinghouse Pond gatehouse

**NOI ~ CONTINUATION
21 Rock Maple Lane
Zhuravlyov**

Dan Bartkus recused from the continuation of the public hearing for 21 Rock Maple Lane. Lar Greene of McCarty Engineering represented the owner and gave the overview of the plan including installation of an inground swimming pool, patio, cabana, and a detached free standing garage in the 100 ft. buffer. Grading would be within the 25 ft. buffer using native plantings. Matt Marro asked about a power easement running through the property and Mr. Greene stated that the deed did not reference it. Matt Marro recommended that Dig Safe mark the exact location of the easement as this may necessitate a change in the plan. Vic Pelletier moved to

continue the public hearing until the location of the easement has been verified. Carrie Monty seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor. Dan Bartkus recused.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned with all in favor at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Bartkus
Chairman
(prepared by Susan Kalagher)