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MINUTES OF MEETING May 26, 2022

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The meeting was held in room 205 in Westminster Town Hall. This meeting was scheduled for May 12, 2022 postponed to May 19, 2022 and postponed again to May 26, 2022.

To: Selectmen
Board of Health
Building Commissioner
Town Clerk

Present: Chairman Dan Bartkus, Members: Robert Gendron, Carrie Monty, Vic Pelletier, Agent Matt Marro, and Secretary Susan Kalagher

Absent: Tim Sheehan

Guests: Theresa Porcute, Isiah Grigos, Norm Oueletter, Mary Skinner, Michael Bird, Rene Paine, Ida Minkkinen, Anthony Meressa, Linda Leclerc, Keith Barnaby, Chris Mossman

Documents, Plans and other Exhibits

1. Plan – Winters Drive
2. Plan – Geotechnical Soil borings
3. Plan – Lake Drive East

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm in room 205 of Westminster Town Hall by Dan Bartkus. Dan Welcomed Vic Pelletier, a new member of the Conservation Commission. Dan Bartkus, Matt Marro, Robert Gendron, and Carrie Monty recorded the meeting.

RFD
21 Lake Drive East
Wolkovich & Munger

7:06 pm The public meeting requested by John Wolkovich and Michele Munger for the installation of a replacement septic system for an existing single family house at 21 Lake Drive East was opened. Chris Mossman represented the applicants and gave the overview of the project. The replacement septic tank, pump chamber and force main will be installed on the northerly lot adjacent to the house. A new leaching area will be constructed on the lake side. Impacts on resource areas will be minimized using silt fence. After review, the plan was unanimously approved upon motion by Carrie Monty and second by Vic Pelletier. The public meeting was closed at 7:10 pm.

NOI
A1/B2 Transmission Line Right-of-Way (ROW)
Geotechnical Soil Borings
New England Power Company

7:10 pm The public hearing requested by Michael Tyrrell of New England Power was opened. The original plan called for 9 soil borings and a new plan shows an additional 3 have been added. There are some access issues along the transmission line and access improvements will be minimized and intended for passage of soil boring equipment. Temporary construction mats will be used within wetlands and work will begin this summer and into the fall. Several people in the audience had questions. The reason for the work is to determine future improvements to the line. Vegetation removal was discussed and one member of the audience informed the applicants that a burial site from the Revolutionary War was located off Colony Road. Flags were placed on the site yearly so the Town could help with the exact location. Matt Marro would like to see the work before it is completed. The project was unanimously approved with a motion by Carrie Monty and second by Vic Pelletier. The public hearing was closed at 7:22 pm.

RFD / Continuation
Winters Drive Right of Way
Bujold

7:23 pm The continuation of the public meeting requested by Rob Bujold for the placement of an aluminum dock along the shoreline of Winters Drive Right-of-Way was not opened. A voting quorum was not present and both Robert Gendron and Vic Pelletier lived at the lake. Rob Bujold granted a continuance to the meeting next week, June 2, 2022.

NOI
Old Town Farm Road
DPW / Culvert Replacement

The plan for culvert replacement on Old Town Farm Road was approved at the meeting on March 31, 2022 pending the issuance of a DEP number. The number has now been issued and the Order of Conditions was signed.

MINUTES

The Minutes of April 28, 2022 were not voted on. Carrie Monty and Robert Gendron were not comfortable with the minutes.

CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE

49 State Road West was held at Matt Marro's request.

NON COMPLIANCE – 8 PINE DRIVE

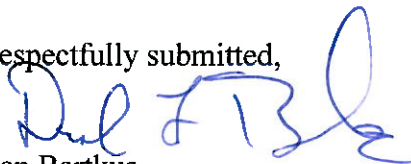
Matt Marro met with Jeffrey White, the owner of the docks, who resides at 8 Pine Avenue. Mr. White placed multiple docks that both block the right-of-way and trespass onto Mr. Soulier's land 28 Shore Ave. Mr. Soulier does not want them on his property and has requested that an Enforcement Order be issued to Mr. White. Mr. Souliere was under the impression that portable docks don't need permits. Matt will work with Mr. Souliere on this. Matt said that the violation at 8 Pine Drive was reported by DEP.

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Rob Gendron had questions for Matt Marro regarding the issuance of enforcement orders. Matt Marro explained that when a violation is reported to him, he first verifies the complaint before he issues an enforcement then it's placed on the agenda for ratification. If the State DEP intervenes then it is in the hands of the State. Mr. Marro cited a specific example of a case that recently happened within the last 2 years.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Bartkus

Chairman

(prepared by Susan Kalagher)