



City of Westfield, Massachusetts

Municipal Conservation Commission

July 24, 2018
MEETING MINUTES

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Conservation Commission members in attendance: Henry Bannish, Vice Chairman, Tom Sharp, Jim Murphy, Jason Bean and Carl Grobe. Also in attendance: Karen Leigh, Conservation Coordinator and Colleen Fegan-Nunez, Administrative Assistant. Not in attendance: David Doe, Chairman.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Bannish calls the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

2. OPEN PARTICIPATION – Vice Chairman Bannish asks if there are any audience members that would like to address anything not on the agenda. There are none at this time.

3. PUBLIC MEETINGS-None at this time.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. 95 New Broadway-Barry Fedora-DEP File #333-762

Project: Renovation of existing single-family with site improvements.

Mr. Barry Fedora states that the DEP asked about the dock installation. He states that the dock will be fully removable. There will be not pressure treated lumber in the water. The dock is only for seasonal use. He states that the dock sits directly on the ground and any disturbance to the shore will be limited. Coordinator Leigh states that there were some additional fees needed for the dock. She also states that the schematic of the dock was received. She states that Mr. Fedora must file a Chapter 91 license with DEP but that the Commission can close the hearing tonight.

Commissioner Sharp motions to close the public hearing and is second by Commissioner Murphy. AIF

The Commission asks for a \$500.00 bond.

Commissioner Murphy motion to accept Order of Conditions as written and is second by Commissioner Bean. AIF

5. ENFORCEMENT

- A. 0 Pochassic Road (39R-17)-Bonnieventure Farms Inc.-William and Jeremy Sorel
Alteration of wetlands.

Mr. Ryan Nelson of R. Levesque Associates Inc. is present representing the owners.

Mr. Nelson states that there was clearing and grading in the buffer zone near a wetlands and some fill has been pushed into an intermittent stream. R. Levesque Associates Inc. has been contracted to do a delineation and survey and provide a restoration plan over the next couple of weeks. Mr. Jeremy Sorel states that originally they were going with the NRCS but the timeline would be too long. The Sorel's would like this taken care of as soon as possible. Commissioner Sharp asks what the Commission should be worried about on this project. Mr. Nelson states that removal of the fill in the stream should be a priority in the event of a heavy rainfall. Commissioner Murphy asks how the erosion controls are working. Mr. Nelson states that he visited immediately after a rainstorm and all appeared to be good.

Commissioner Bean motions to continue until August 14, 2018 and is second by Commissioner Grobe. AIF

- B. 116 Fairfield Ave-Slavik Pylypenko-DEP File #333-733
Non-compliance with OOC.

Mr. Ryan Nelson of R. Levesque Associates Inc. is present representing the owner.

Mr. Nelson states that he visited the site the replication area is heavily vegetated with hydric species such as Jewel Weed and Nut Sedge. The soil boring shows that the area is working as a wetland. The area is stable. Commissioner Grobe asks for a plant count. Mr. Nelson presents an appendix 4. Mr. Nelson asks where the erosion controls should be reestablished. Coordinator Leigh states that the slope adjacent to the crossing is still unstable.

Commissioner Bean motions to lift the enforcement order and is second by Commissioner Murphy. AIF

6. DISCUSSION

- A. 54 Sunnyside Road – Parcel #4R-19
Conservation Restriction (CR) approval request.

Coordinator Leigh states that more information is still needed and should be provided for the next meeting.

- B. 40 Pequot Road-Nancy Demers-DEP #333-707
Request for Certificate of Compliance

Coordinator Leigh states that the project appears to be built as permitted. There were only minor changes. All of the proper paperwork has been presented. She recommends that the Commission issue the COC.

Commissioner Murphy motions to approve Certificate of Compliance and is second by Commissioner Bean. AIF

- E. Review of 2018 Open Space Plan

Coordinator Leigh states that this is an assessment of what the citizens are looking for from the government. She states that her recommendations are to identify what wetlands and vernal pools are. She states that Jay Vinsky of the Planning Department will be looking for comments from the Commission. Commissioner Bean states that the official name of the documents should be added. The Commission states that it is happy over all with the assessment and agrees with Coordinator Leigh's proposed changes.

7. COMMISSION DISCUSSION

- A. Regulations and Procedures Q & A
None at this time

- B. Minutes of July 10, 2018.

Clerk Nunez states that these minutes were not ready to present to the Commission.

8. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Commissioner Bean motions to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 pm and Commissioner Murphy seconds. AIF

A true record, Attest:
Colleen Fegan-Nunez
Westfield Conservation Administrative Assistant

