Town of Webster  
Conservation Commission  
Minutes of the Meeting – Feb. 11, 2019

Attending: Commissioners – Joseph Kunkel, Joseph Wigglesworth, Michelle Sherillo and Beau Saad  
Staff – Mary Overholt, Conservation Agent, Kelly Gorham, Clerk

Absent: Commissioners – Fred Bock and Klarissa Johnson

Meeting called to order: 5:40 p.m.  
Location: Gladys E. Kelly Public Library  
Meeting Room

Meeting Minutes

Ms. Sherillo motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 10, 2019. Mr. Wigglesworth second. Vote all in favor.

Mr. Wigglesworth motion to continue the meeting minutes from January 24, 2019 to the February 25 meeting. Mr. Saad second. Vote all in favor.

Request for Determination of Applicability

14 Pebble Beach Rd. – The applicant is not present so the Commission will hear items out of order.

Notice of Intent

Upper Gore Rd. – lots 52_A1_0 & 53_B_4_0 – Installation of 2 Solar Arrays Continued from Jan. 10  
Mr. Wigglesworth motion to continue to February 25, 2019. Mr. Saad second. Vote all in favor.

18 Oakwood Dr. – Proposed subsurface disposal system for a single family home Continued from Jan. 24 – Mr. Krevosky asked for a continuance to the next meeting. Mr. Saad motion to continue to February 25, 2019. Ms. Sherillo second. Vote all in favor.

0 Juniper Ln. – Installation of Ground Mounted Solar Facility Continued from Jan. 24 – This will be continued to February 25, 2019 due to lack of quorum. Mr. Wigglesworth motion to continue the hearing to February 25, 2019. Ms. Sherillo second. Vote all in favor.

Discussion

Ms. Overholt introduced Daniel Duteau to the Commissioners. Mr. Duteau is interested in becoming a member of the Conservation Commission. The Board members introduce themselves. Mr. Duteau will be sworn in by the Board of Selectmen at a later date.

At this time, the Commissioners take comments from an audience member Jane Cullinane of Bernard Street. She has read the Town of Webster Conservation Wetland Setback Policy and states it will be helpful in setting expectations and helping people understand how conservation policy enforcement is necessary to protect wildlife and keep drinking water supplies clean.
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She also reported flooding in the area across from Campbell Pond near Sunny Ave. and Freeman. There is a vernal pool there. Ms. Overholt noted that the pool was recently decertified. Ms. Cullinan says there was garbage going into the pool. The Board will look at 45 Freeman as there have been complaints in that area. Mr. Wigglesworth explains there are new MS4 municipal stormwater standards. Ms. Cullinan states that there are no catch basins in that area. There is no drainage. The water flows down the streets - Freeman, Sunny, Konkel and Bernard - and this causes flooding. The neighborhood has a petition and she talked to Kenny from DPW. She is an abutter to a project on 35 Konkel Rd. and has the site plan. She believes that the highwater mark has moved and that they shouldn’t use old drawings. Ms. Overholt says that the wetland should be flagged. The flags may have been covered by flooding. Ms. Overholt suggests they may need to file a new notice of intent and new plans. Someone has been dumping there. A letter from Conservation was sent asking the town to put up no dumping signs and install a split rail fence for wildlife. Mr. Wigglesworth states that the delineation presented on the plan has expired. The date on the plan is Nov. 5, 2010. The previous NOI was never approved and it is still open. Ms. Sherillo suggests a site visit. Mr. Wigglesworth suggests it may have been flagged in summer or early fall. There are signs that say there is Conservation land. Ms. Sherillo suggests approaching the town about dumping yard waste as the town compost area is not convenient.

She also states that the Memorial Beach Committee would like to put in a dog park. There are 2 pools on the left of the beach entrance. Mr. Saad advises that the Beach Committee would have to go through Conservation first. The Conservation Commission works with the Open Space Committee and can give input.

61-69 Cudworth Rd. Enforcement Order Release – Mr. Krevosky needs to provide the Commission with more information. The land slopes down into wetlands. There are cars parked there and more will be brought in. Tractor trailer trucks move in and out. The area is lawn and soil. Pollutants from cars and trucks leak into the ground. Mr. Kunkel says that Margaret Washburn will have it flagged out. Ms. Sherillo says there should be more done than just wetland delineation. This project needs to go through the Planning Board as well. Ms. Overholt suggests waiting to lift the enforcement until they apply for the NOI. Mr. Kunkel says a letter should be sent stating that the Commission is expecting a proper project plan with stormwater management. Ms. Sherillo suggests that the letter should state what the Commission expects and what should be done now since there are already cars on the lot. Mr. Saad motion to not release the enforcement order and send a letter with the Commission’s intention for now and the future. Mr. Wigglesworth second. Vote all in favor.

18 Bates Crossing Certificate of Compliance – A Notice of Intent was filed for the construction of the new house. No plans were submitted. Ms. Overholt visited the site. There was mulch around the cellar hole. The tree is still there. A partial certificate is discussed. Ms. Overholt advises they are on the agenda for the next meeting. This should be continued to the next meeting so the Commissioners can see the plans for the new house. Mr. Wigglesworth motion to continue to February 25, 2019. Ms. Sherillo second. Vote all in favor.

Meeting adjourned for recess at 6:56 pm until 7:07 pm.

Ms. Overholt received a call that Mapfre Commerce is salting the parking lot. They are using a mix of salt and sand now and would like to start using salt only. Mr. Wigglesworth says they are too close to the wetland and they should be using sand only. This should apply to the parking lot on Main Street as well since it is near the French River. Ms. Overholt will ask Kenny what the town uses on the roads near
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wetlands. Mr. Kunkel suggests brine, which is a waste product from breweries. Letters should be sent to Mapfre and the DPW. Mr. Wigglesworth motion to send letters and Mr. Saad second. Vote all in favor.

202 Killdeer – Certificate of Compliance for a second story and deck repair from 2004. Mr. Wigglesworth would like to add a recommendation for the dock permit - chapter 91 simple form. Ms. Sherillo motion to approve the certificate of compliance on 202 Killdeer Rd. Mr. Wigglesworth second. Vote all in favor.

7 Oscar Street has not grown in yet. Ms. Overholt visited the site and the hydro seed is still there. It is not stabilized. Mr. Wigglesworth motion to deny the Certificate of Compliance for 7 Oscar St. Mr. Saad second. Vote all in favor.

The Conservation Commission financials are discussed. The purpose and use of filing fees are described in Conservation Commission law. The Conservation Agent works with accounting to make sure the funds are allocated properly. Mr. Kunkel states that signage is needed for conservation lands.

The repeat site visit fee is discussed. The fee is currently $25.00 per additional site visit. Mr. Saad motion to enforce that fee schedule for repetitious site visits. Ms. Sherillo second vote all in favor.

0 Gore Rd. – Update – Ms. Overholt spoke with Brandon Faneuf. He offered to do the delineation for free provided there is no conflict of interest. Chuck Eaton visited that site and won’t recommend that the town build on it.

Dock bubblers - Ms. Overholt has received phone calls regarding bubblers. They impede navigation and makes ice unsafe for use. Mr. Wigglesworth will look into it but Conservation has no jurisdiction on bubblers.

33 Wakefield Ave. – There is a blue tarp over the dirt that is starting to blow off and a trash pile of wood that should be in a dumpster and not on the ground. Ms. Overholt has spoken to them a few times. Mr. Wigglesworth also had a conversation with them about keeping the site clean. There are photos of the site. The erosion controls are down and the honeycomb cullee is on the sites. Mr. Kunkel suggests sending a letter asking them to provide stormwater management intentions and stating that there will be a site inspection in 2 weeks.

14 Bates Crossing – There is machinery on site and there must be a spill kit. Ms. Overholt visited the site twice and there was no spill kit. Mr. Kunkel advised this is a violation and the Board agrees. Mr. Saad motion to enforce a fine. Mr. Wigglesworth second. Vote all in favor. Fine amount is $100/day.

MACC Conference – There are 2 solar sessions and a MS4 session.


Tree Policy - Mr. Wigglesworth says Milton has a good policy where either a tree is planted or a $500 donation is made to Conservation for tree planting.

Brandon Faneuf will help with the bylaws.

New Member and reorganization should be on the agenda for the next meeting.
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The Mullins Rule - The Selectmen need to vote on that. Ms. Sherillo motion to submit a letter to the Board of Selectmen for instituting the Mullins rule. Mr. Saad second. Vote all in favor.

Ms. Sherillo motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Saad second. Vote all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: Feb. 25, 2019 Gladys E. Kelly Public Library Meeting Room

Documents

Plan for 35 Konkel Ave. and photos of the area of Campbell Pond near Sunny Ave. and Freeman Ave., submitted at the meeting, February 11, 2019.

Photos of 33 Wakfield Ave. site visit; February 9, 2019.

Photos of 7 Oscar St. site visit; February 9, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Gorham
Conservation & Planning Clerk

Conservation Commission Approval: [Signature] Date: 3-11-19

Chairman