

**Town of Webster
Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting August 3, 2015**

Attending: Commissioners –Jeff Dowgiewicz, Al Huefner, Paul Fiske, Joseph Kunkel, and Marissa McCann
Town – Meagen P. Donoghue, MRP

Absent: Commissioners – Richard Franas, Joseph Kabala
Engineering Consultant – Rick Canavan, CME

Meeting called to order: 5:31 p.m.

Location: Basement Conference Room

Public Hearing – 11 Ernest Street – NOI -- Continued

The applicant's representative presented project updates with revised plans and a letter responding to the Commission's previous questions. The representative stated the letter outlined the retaining wall construction sequence in compliance with the Wetland Protection Act. Mr. Huefner motioned to close the public hearing. Mr. Fiske second; vote all in favor. Mr. Huefner motion to issue an Order of Conditions with the Commission standard Special Conditions. Mr. Fiske second; vote all in favor.

Public Hearing – 9 Mark Avenue – NOI -- Continued

The applicant's representative presented project updates with revised plans and a letter responding to the Commission's previous questions. The representative stated the letter described impacted wetland resource areas and assessed how the construction of a single family dwelling and boat ramp widening plan had been revised. Mr. Kunkle motion to issue an Order of Conditions with the Commission standard Special Conditions. Mr. Fiske second; vote all in favor.

Public Meeting – 8 Cross Court - RDA

Mr. Dowgiewicz described the proposed roof and framing removal and replacement and described the draft conditions. Mr. Fiske motioned to issue a negative determination with conditions that no debris in resource, cover debris container, additional work is subject to review and approval by the Commission, BMPs must be utilized including provisions for outdoor cutting of synthetic material, , Mr. Huefner second; vote all in favor. Mr. Fiske wanted to note that the applicant was dissatisfied with the application process because his was lost and had to reapply, which delayed the construction of the project.

Public Meeting – 16 Fairfield Street - RDA

Mr. Dowgiewicz described the proposed roof replacement and described draft conditions. Mr. Fiske motioned to issue a negative determination with conditions that no debris in resource, cover debris container, additional work is subject to review and approval by the Commission, BMPs must be utilized including provisions for outdoor cutting of synthetic material, Mr. Huefner second; vote all in favor.

Public Meeting – 131 Birch Island Road - RDA

Mr. Dowgiewicz described the proposed shrub replacement, porch extension, driveway repair, and retaining wall pointing, and described the draft conditions. The abutter and his attorney were present to request postponing the decision because both the applicant and abutter do not know who owns the shrubbery. Mr. Dowgiewicz explained that the Conservation Commission does not make determinations based on ownership, but rather if a project will impact the natural resources. Mr. Kunkle concurred with Mr. Dowgiewicz stating that their purview is only to protect the resource area, not the property line. The abutter's attorney stated that the applicant did not hand in an existing conditions plan so the application

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should be determined at the next meeting. Mr. Kunkle proposed a compromise of allowing the porch extension, retaining wall repointing and erosion control to be voted on, and the shrub and driveway repair to be considered at the August 17, 2015 meeting. Mr. Fiske motioned to issue a negative determination with conditions that no debris in resource, cover debris container, additional work is subject to review and approval by the Commission, best management practices must be utilized including provisions for outdoor cutting of synthetic material, bag debris and tarp over staging for the porch extension, retaining wall repointing and erosion control, Mr. Huefner second; vote all in favor.

Discussion – Webster Lake Weed Control

Mr. Joseph LaPlante stated that the Board of Selectmen had requested that he bring up his concern of the Webster Lake weed control to the Conservation Commission. Mr. LaPlante brought in a bucket of dried weeds to show the group and indicated that it was one of several buckets that his daughters filled with dead weeds. He noted that a chemical called “Clipper” is being used to treat the weeds around the lake and the Webster Lake Association pays for the service annually which does various sections around the lake at a time. Mr. LaPlante indicated his cove was recently sprayed with Clipper and the muck generated from it does not allow for anyone to go into the water and provided photos as evidence of the damage. Mr. LaPlante asked what the Conservation Commission can do about the situation. Resident Earl Gabor stated that the weeds killed with Clipper are being dumped by some residents into the Town’s compost facility. Mr. Gabor asked if Clipper had poison in it and is very concerned that the Town’s compost is now poisoned as a result. Mr. Dowgiewicz stated he will have a conversation with Scott Charpentier, Town Engineer about the situation. Mr. Huefner noted that Clipper has been approved by the State and the DEP.

Public Hearing – 27 Colonial Road – NOI

Mr. Dowgiewicz opened public hearing and stated the applicant requested through written correspondence a continuance until August 17, 2015. Mr. Huefner motioned to continue the public hearing of 27 Colonial Road to August 17, 2015. Mr. Fiske second; vote all in favor.

Public Meeting – 19 Bates Grove Road - RDA

Mr. Dowgiewicz described the application for a deck replacement and described the draft of conditions. Applicant representative was present and described the construction process. Mr. Huefner motioned to issue a negative determination with conditions that no debris to enter resource, dumpster must be covered, additional work is subject to review by the Commission and cannot occur without obtaining approval, best management practices must be utilized including provisions for cutting of synthetic material; Mr. Fiske second; vote all in favor.

Meeting Minutes for Approval

Mr. Fiske motioned to approve minutes from June 13, 2015; Mr. Huefner second; Mr. Kunkel and Ms. McCann abstained, vote all others in favor.

Old/New Business

- Ms. Donoghue presented correspondence from the Board of Selectmen’s office indicating the process for reappointment. Ms. Donoghue listed whose appointments were up in June, including Mr. Kabala, Mr. Kunkle, and Ms. McCann.
- The Commission received correspondence from Charles Ceppetelli, President of the Flat Rock Development Co., Inc. requesting an extension to the order of conditions for New England

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Commons. Mr. Kunkle motioned to grant the extension to the order of conditions for New England Commons. Mr. Fiske second; vote all in favor.

Next Meeting Date: August 17, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. – Basement Conference Room

Meeting adjourned 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Meagen P. Donoghue, MRP
Planner/Clerk

All correspondence, applications, plans and reports can be viewed at the Engineering Office, 350 Main St, Webster MA.

Conservation Commission Approval: _____


Chairman

Date: 8/17/15

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