

**Town of Webster  
Conservation Commission  
Minutes of the Meeting – June 27, 2016**

**Attending:** Commissioners – Richard Franas, Paul Fiske, Al Huefner, and, Joseph Kunkle, David Audette  
Staff –Meagen Donoghue, Director of Planning & Economic Development, Dr. Rick Canavan, CME Associates

**Absent:** Commissioners –Beau Saad, Jeff Dowgiewicz

Meeting called to order: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Basement Conference Room

**Minutes**

Ms. Donoghue indicated the June 13, 2016 minutes had not been completed and asked for assistance for the May 16, 2016 minutes.

**Discussion**

**Solitude Lake Management**

Ms. Donoghue reminded the Commission they had voted on extending Solitude Lake Management's request for an extension to their Order of Condition, but had not signed the appropriate paperwork and was passed around to sign.

**MACC Update**

Ms. Donoghue indicated it was time to update the MACC roster and asked the Commission to review their information and update where necessary.

**New Member**

Fredrick Bock's term will begin July 1 and Ms. Donoghue will get him up to speed with site visit and meeting procedure. Mr. Bock will be taking Mr. Dowgiewicz's place on the Commission.

**Mass DEP Communication**

The Commission received a written communication regarding the installation of a dock at 59 Wakefield under Chapter 91. Chairman Franas indicated that it was a courtesy letter and did not require any vote.

**Requests for Determination of Applicability**

**48 West Point Road**

The applicant's representative provided the scope of work to include manually deconstructing a 10' x 12' sun porch. Chairman Franas stated Commissioners went on the site visit and asked about debris in the yard. He found out that the debris was under the purview of the Board of Health and not the Commission's responsibility. The representative indicated that he was going to put on a new set of stairs, porch and replace and repair walkway to the lower portion, and repair the concrete. Chairman Franas indicated that was not on the application. The representative indicated he didn't know he had to list those items. Chairman Franas suggested using standard best management practices and putting up a debris fence and hand wrote the representative's additions to the RDA.

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The representative noted that there was a water leak so a new water line was permitted through the Board of Health. Chairman Franas reminded the representative that any work within 100 feet of the resource area must come before the Conservation Commission.

Mr. Huefner motioned to issue a negative Determination of Applicability using standard conditions for 48 West Point Road. Mr. Fiske second; vote: all in favor.

**Notices of Intent (Public Hearings)**

**6 Peter Street**

Chairman Franas opened the public hearing. Applicant described the work of constructing a two-story, 24' x 28' garage within 200 feet of the resource area (French River). Chairman Franas explained that the Commissioners looked at the site and that E and S Controls should be in place due to the project being parallel to the river. He also suggest track mats, and to block the drain with a silt sack. Mr. Huefner asked of the stakes marked the corners and the representative indicated yes. Mr. Audette asked about digging. The applicant noted that the building was going to be on a slab. Chairman Franas requested to properly store the fill and to have controls around it.

Mr. Huefner motioned to close the public hearing. Mr. Fiske second; vote; all in favor.

Mr. Fiske motioned to approved the Notice of Intent using standard conditions, silt sack, construction mat, ENS controls at 6 Peter Street; Mr. Huefner second; vote all in favor.

**15 Mark Avenue**

Chairman Franas opened the public hearing. The applicant's representative provided the scope of work including the raising of existing building and the construction of a new home. He noted it was connected to Town sewer and right of way. He indicated there were two (2) infiltration areas on each of the house and there was a small staging area for construction. He also noted the storm water calcs were included and would use best management practices.

Dr. Canavan sated the grading was close to the lake as indicated on the plans and wondered why the hay bales were over the fence. The representative noted that the fence doesn't exist and didn't know why there was one illustrated on the plans. He said he would submit new plans with the revisions. The representative noted that the building is to be built on a slab, so no infiltration. Mr. Audette asked if trees were added to the plans which were discussed at the site plan. The representative said he would add trees to the updated plans. Dr. Canavan asked if the two (2) infiltration systems were for run-off and the rep. stated yes. Mr. Kunkle asked if there were catch basins in the street and the rep replied yes.

Chairman Franas opened the hearing to the public. An abutter asked if they had a shared driveway. The rep indicated there was no single driveway.

Mr. Fiske motioned to close the public hearing. Mr. Audette second; vote all in favor.

Mr. Huefner motioned to approve the Notice of Intent using all standard conditions for 15 Mark Avenue. Mr. Fiske second; vote all in favor.

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**Amended Order of Conditions**

**39 Colonial Drive**

Applicant requested to amend the Order of Conditions by removing the condition of the cultic system. He noted there was a drain at the end of his driveway and it is a better system to run naturally, than dig into the ground.

Dr. Canavan discussed the difference between a cultic system and a hydrodynamic separator, which was at the end of the applicant's driveway. The hydrodynamic separator removes solids from stormwater, whereas the cultic system filters stormwater from runoff. The applicant said he would put gutters on the house which would naturally lead downhill to the drain.

Dr. Canavan stated the requested COC should not be done until the driveway is completed and a site visit has been performed.

Mr. Kunkle asked for clarification on the cultic. Dr. Canavan said the cultic system was for recharge, and the other separates solids in a giant concrete box. Mr. Kunkle asked the applicant why he wouldn't want a cultic system. The applicant doesn't think it is necessary because there is a stormwater drainage system already in the road. The applicant noted that it wasn't a requirement at the time, but he added it the OOC. Mr. Huefner said that at that time, the Commission was concerned about the ratio of pervious vs impervious land. Chairman Franas said the Commission must follow precedence if all new construction projects are required to have cultic systems.

The applicant said the cultic system does not fall under the stormwater rules and the property is too small. He noted that gravel has been place all around the lot to control two (2) downspouts and he will put gutters on fi need be. He stated that the site is already well controlled along with the drainage down the street. Dr. Canavan reiterated the distinct difference between infiltration and roadway run-off with the hydrodynamic separator. He also had concerns of if the driveway was left covered with gravel. Chairman Franas stated a drywell would be the option. Mr. Huefner noted that would be an issue because the water table is too high for a drywell to be effective. Chairman Franas suggested a drywell for each downspout with all crush stone.

Mr. Fiske motioned to eliminate the cultic system to drywell system. Mr. Huefner second; vote; all in favor.

**Certificate of Compliance**

**Lot 68A&B, 68A and Roadway -- Oakwood Drive**

The applicant's represented said as long as they are not continuing down the road, they want a Certificate of Compliance for the unfinished project for all three lots due to their expired Orders of Conditions. The title company wants the sites released.

Mr. Huefner motioned to issue the COCs for partially completed projects for lots 67A & B, and 68A and Roadway. Mr. Fiske second; vote all in favor.

**Next Meeting Date: July 11 at 5:30 p.m. – Basement Conference Room**

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Meeting adjourned 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Meagen P. Donoghue  
Director of Planning & Economic Development

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Conservation Commission Approval:  Date: 7/11/16  
Chairman