

**Town of Webster
Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting – August 8, 2016**

Attending: Commissioners – Richard Franas, Al Huefner, David Audette, Frederick Bock, Beau Saad
Paul Fiske
Staff –Meagen Donoghue, Director of Planning & Economic Development, Mary Overholt
Conservation Agent

Absent: Commissioners – Joseph Kunkel

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

Location: Basement Conference Room

Minutes

Chairman Franas read over the minutes from July 11 and July 25. Mr. Huefner motioned to approve the minutes from July 25, 2016. Mr. Audette second; vote all in favor. Mr. Fiske motioned to approve the minutes from July 11 with a correction on the word sono tubes. Mr. Huefner second; vote all in favor.

Enforcement Order

137 Gore Road

Chairman Franas stated that the main concern was the replication of the intermittent stream. He asked Mr. Demarais how quickly he could manage the replication for stream. Mr. Demarais indicated that he talked to an engineer today and asked if he needs to hire another consultant since it has already been delineated. Chairman Franas indicated that he would like to look at the delineation. It will be on the next site visit. Chairman Franas indicated that the work should get done somewhere between 60 and 90 days. Mr. Demarais asked for 90 days. Mr Saad asks how long it will take to complete the replication. Mr. Demarais indicated a week or so. Mr. Huefner mentioned that 90 days would bring us close to November when frost could be a concern and suggested 60 days. The delineation will be checked on the Aug. 20 site visit and Mr. Demarais will have 60 days after that. Chairman Franas indicated that the Commission needs to see a replication plan.

Mr. Fiske motioned that the replication on 137 Gore Gd.should be completed within 60 days of the Aug. 20 site visit. Huefner second; vote all in favor. Mr. Bock indicated a plan should be available for the site visit.

Emergency Certificate

15 Mark Avenue

Chairman Franas indicated he performed a site visit to look at two (2) damaged trees and noted they were unsafe.

Mr. Heufner motioned to ratify the Emergency Certificate for 15 Mark Avenue. Mr. Fiske second; vote all in favor.

Emergency Certificate

129 Birch Island Rd.

Chairmain Franas indicated that two trees need to be removed because they are unsafe. Ms. Donoghue asked if there were three trees. Mr. Franas indicated there were two.

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Mr. Heufner motioned to ratify the Emergency Certificate for 129 Birch Island Rd.. Mr. Fiske second; vote all in favor.

Notices of Intent (Public Hearings)

16 Reid Smith Cove

Chairman Franas opened the public hearing. Stephen Basovich was present representing the property owner. Mr. Basovich indicated the project was already under construction. They would like to do the same stonework further down, excavating to the wall to create a patio. There will be a silt fence and turbidity curtain (boom). Chairman Franas indicated that the erosion controls need to be enhanced. Mr. Huefner asks if the wall will be three feet high and the answer was yes. Chairman Franas indicated that the existing rip rap should be repaired but not extended into the water. Mr. Huefner asked if the contour elevations indicated on the map are the existing elevations. Mr. Basovich indicated yes they were. The DEP number has not been assigned yet. Chairman Franas asked if we could close the hearing without having the number. Ms. Overholt indicated that in Upton they will close a hearing contingent upon the the reception of a DEP number. Chairman Franas indicated that it would be the standard conditions and that he would be willing to close the hearing to speed up the process, since the Order of Conditions cannot be issued without a number.

Mr. Fiske motioned to close the hearing. Mr. Bock second; all in favor.

Mr. Huefner motioned to issue an Order of Conditions for 16 Reid Smith Cove with the standard conditions subject to the receipt of a DEP number. Mr. Fiske second; vote all in favor.

Certificate of Complainece

39 Bates Cove Rd.

The applicant requested that this be continued until the Aug. 22 meeting.

Discussion

Chairman Franas wanted to thank Meaghan for all of the support and welcomed Mary.

Organization Issues. Chairman Franas noted that there is no vice chair in place. Chairman Franas is willing to stay on for another year as Chairman. Mr. Audette is willing to be vice chair, but noted that he has to travel for work, so he can not always be around. Chairman Franas suggested the discussion be held open until the next meeting Aug. 22 and welcomed others to volunteer as well. Mr. Saad volunteered to do site visits on other days besides Saturdays if needed. It was noted that it is important to bring two people along for visits that could be controversial.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Next Meeting Date: Aug. 22, 2016 Basement Conference Room

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Respectfully submitted,
Mary Overholt
Conservation Agent

Conservation Commission Approval: Al Huefner (acting) Date: 8-22-16
Chairman