

**Town of Webster
Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting – September 12, 2016**

Attending: Commissioners – David Audette, Frederick Bock, Paul Fiske, Richard Franas, Al Huefner and Beau Saad
Staff –Mary Overholt, Conservation Agent

Absent: Commissioners - Joseph Kunkel

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

Location: Basement Conference Room

Minutes

Mr. Fiske motioned to approve the minutes from Aug. 22. Mr. Huefner second; vote 5 in favor with Mr. Franas abstaining.

Request for Determination of Applicability

4 Bates Crossing

This project is for reshingling a roof. A representative from East Coast Metal roofing was present to explain the project. The materials will be disposed at the Oxford transfer station. Mr. Franas mentioned that no debris fence is needed. The representative explained that the metal roof will go on top of the existing roof and there will be a minor change to the pitch of the roof. The gutters will also be redone. The shingles will be cut with shears, when cuts are needed at the ends.

Mr. Fiske motioned to issue a negative Determination of Applicability for 4 Bates Crossing. Mr. Huefner second; vote all in favor.

Notice of Intent

9 Ernest St.

Steven Balsewicz was representing the applicant. He explained the plans which include an addition to a house and a garage. There will be new stairs to the Lake and new retaining walls next to the addition. There are existing erosion controls for other work in the area. The plans include removing a catch basin and moving a drywell. He is going to use Versa lock walls for retaining walls. Chairman Franas asked if it is a steep slope. The representative indicated that it is. Chairman Franas asked if the silt fence is in good shape. Mr. Huefner thought the erosion controls could stand some maintenance and that the ground is very much torn up. Chairman Franas asked if the disturbance was in resource area? Mr. Huefner indicated no, but the fences do need fixing.

Mr. Fiske asked if there is a new Cul tek there. Mr. Balcewicz indicated that there was. Mr. Huefner asked if there an impervious calculation? Mr. Balsewicz replied that the Cul tek was adjusted for the new roof area. There should be 2 or 3 Cul tek chambers. The calculations show that there is a 69 % increase of impermeable area. Mr. Huefner said that there is a 600 sq. foot increase that is not mitigated and suggested they could put another chamber behind a wall and asked if they could increase the size of the Cul tek?

Mr. Balcewicz suggested adding two drywells to plan for two of the down spouts. The Commission

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agreed that two, 2 by 2 by 2 basins for the house will be added, the locations of which depending on where the pitch of the roof is going to be.
There were no questions from the public.

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

Mr. Fiske motioned to issue an Order of Conditions for 9 Ernest St. with the standard conditions and the addition of two yard drains. Mr. Saad second; vote all in favor.

6:00 pm

Oakwood Dr.

Mr. Para was representing Mr. Szeredy. He explained the history of the subdivision which was approved in 1992. The first part was built in 1997 and the next part in 2003. The detention basin was mostly complete, but not quite. It is now overgrown. The current plan is to finish the road and detention basin. They will not disturb the bottom of the basin which has wetland vegetation already established. A turnaround on the road, half will be constructed in the buffer zone. The road will end and not be built as the original plans indicated. The road will not cross the intermittent stream. The wetland was delineated in 2002. Mr. Para will flag them, after the brush gets trimmed. The limit of work is at the erosion controls which are indicated on the plan. There will be no replication area. A few of the new houses will have to file with the Commission because they will be in the buffer zone.
There were no comments from the public. Mr. Para noted that the planning board is reviewing this tonight. The existing pavement will be ground up and reshaped. The Commission would like to see the brush and trees trimmed so that the wetland delineation is visible.

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

Mr. Audette motioned to issue an Order of Conditions for Oakwood Dr. with the standard conditions. Mr. Fiske second; vote all in favor.

6:10 pm

24 Laurelwood Dr.

Mr. Jarlbert was there from Jarlbert Engineering. He mentioned that he had brought a new set of plans that reflected the changes that were recommended at the site visit. There is a large pine tree that should be removed because it could be fall on the house. There are two other trees that they would like to be removed. The 7' by 10' deck will be enlarged to 10' by 14'. They will extend the versalock wall around front corner of the house. There will be a walkway to the deck from the patio. This is for construction of one story single family home. Both sides will have drip edge which will drain into trenches at the base of house. The deck at beach area will be done by hand, that is there will be no machinery. They are going to refurbish the stairs of the deck. They will put a turbidity barrier along the shoreline. The bank is pretty steep and erosion controls will go around the limit of work. The erosion controls planned are wattles and silt fence which is a double barrier. The dirt will be stockpiled where the former building was. This house will have town water and sewer. A commission member asked if there was anything between the gravel walkway and the deck. Mr. Jarlbert indicated there is nothing. The erosion controls will go around the stock pile area.

Mr Jarlbert indicated that the 18 inch stone drainage trench on both sides of the building would catch all run off, especially because the soil is class 1 and percs very quickly. The Commission looked at the permeable to impermeable calc. The house is 1800 sq ft and the lot is 9000sq ft. It is about 20 % of the lot and 90 percent of work is outside 100 foot buffer.

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Chairman. Franas indicated that the trees stumps should remain. Mr. Jarlbert says that was fine, Mr. Tonna wants to leave it as natural as possible. Mr. Huefner said that it looks good. There were no comments from the public.

Mr. Fiske motioned to close the hearing. Mr. Huefner second; all in favor. Mr. Franas explained some of the standard conditions, cutting should be away from the water and they should use vacuum equipped saws.

Mr. Fiske motioned to issue an Order of Conditions for 24 Laurelwood Dr. with the standard conditions. Mr. Huefner second; vote all in favor.

**6:30 pm
16 Cross St.**

Mr. Franas opened the public hearing. Mr. Saad who is also a Commission member explained the work being done on his house. He is replacing a deck, a patios and putting new siding on his walls and redoing the roof. A deck was removed previously. The staircase and retaining wall are very beat up. Mr. Franas indicated there should be a turbidity curtain in the water. Mr. Saad explained the work will start on bottom and work up the lot. The stone work will be done in the fall. The silt fence and hay bales will protect the whole property. They will move the silt fence up slope as work moves up. The staircase is 7 feet wide. Chairman Franas indicated that the areas not covered by the deck should be stabilized. You can get a DEP list of native plants to use. Ms. Overholt can find the list. Chairman. Franas indicated that the silt fence should stay at the bottom during the entire time of construction. They should pull the turbidity curtain once the wall is done. Mr. Saad said that the decks will be composite. Chairman. Franas stated that the butting ends should be cut away from the resource area with a vacuum saw. The retaining wall should come at least 3 inches above ground surface. Mr. Saad explained that they are replacing lower deck and upper deck, which is three decks total. The two temporary decks will be removed. They will not go back. All the decking will be composite, with half inch spacing on the flooring. The stone work will be hired out to a contractor and a contractor will assist with the decks. There were no comments from the public.

Mr. Fiske motioned to close the hearing. Mr. Huefner second; all in favor Mr. Saad recused himself. Chairman Franas explained that the standard conditions indicate a turbidity curtain. The silt fence and wattles should remain up until the soil is stabilized.

Mr. Fiske motioned to issue an Order of Conditions for 16 Cross St.. with the standard conditions. Mr. Huefner second; vote all in favor. Mr. Saad abstained.

**Emergency Certification
129 Birch Island Rd.**

An emergency Certificate was issued earlier this summer for two trees but she only was able to get one of the trees cuts down. Chairman. Franas stated that she needs another certificate. Mr. Fiske motioned that the Commission approve an Emergency certificate for 129 Birch Island Rd. to cut down the second tree. Mr. Huefner second. Vote all in favor.

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Discussion

Burrillville power plant

The Commission received a letter from the Burrillville Conservation Commission asking the Webster Conservation Commission to become familiar with the issue and support them in their efforts to protect Burrillville from the negative environmental effects a power plant would have. Chairman Franas mentioned that he is concerned about the power plant. The Commissioners discussed what type of fuel it will be burning. Chairman Franas will look at website that talk about the proposal. Lake Wallum is close to Burrillville. We should pass this letter on to the town Administrator. Mr. Franas will call DEP to discuss the issue. Mr. Huefner was concerned that this was out of the purview of the Wetland Protection Act.

Memorial Beach Wells

We have received an Environmental Notification Form for the Memorial Beach Wells. They plan to replace the second one. Mr. Franas said that we are notified, but since it is a municipal project we may not have jurisdiction

Vice Chair Position

Mr. Kunkel had stated that he is willing to do it. The Commission will wait until the next meeting when Mr. Kunkel is present to elect him. Mr. Franas appreciated Mr. Audettes offer to help, although it would have been hard for Mr. Audette because of his travel schedule.

Mr. Huefner will not be there for site visits on Sept. 24th.

There will be a site visit at 39 Bates Grove Rd. Thursday 8:00 am with CME and the contractor to discuss the situation.

NOI vs. RDA

Huefner recommends that we apply consistent criteria. He wonders if it would make sense to have a set of things that could be exempt for example digging flag pole hole by hand. Chairman Franas was concerned that we might not include some things. Mr. Huefner indicated that we should set our own regulations for how we operate. For example we have a policy that limbs that are less than 4" in diameter can be trimmed without getting a permit. Other examples could be planting a shrub.

20 Indian Point

The applicant has an open permit and would like to put riprap in as was stated by the Commission if he was unable to install the metal sheeting. The applicant wants permission to do the rip rap. Mr. Franas will do a site visit and to try and establish boundaries for the riprap.

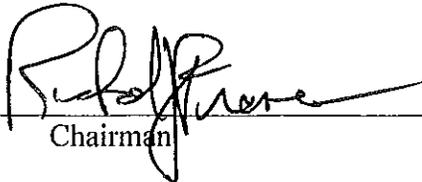
The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Next Meeting Date: Sept 26, 2016 Basement Conference Room

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Respectfully submitted,
Mary Overholt
Conservation Agent

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Conservation Commission Approval:  Date: 9/26/16
Chairman

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