

**Town of Webster  
Conservation Commission  
Minutes of the Meeting – October 24, 2016**

**Attending:** Commissioners – Frederick Bock, Paul Fiske, Al Huefner, Joseph Kunkel and Beau Saad  
Staff –Mary Overholt, Conservation Agent

**Absent:** Commissioners - David Audette, Richard Franas,

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

Location: Basement Conference Room

Vice Chair Kunkel presided over the meeting since Chairman Franas was not there.

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**Minutes**

Mr. Fiske motioned to approve the minutes from Sept. 24. Mr. Huefner second; vote all in favor.

**Notice of Intent**

**92 Point Breeze** – This project was continued from the last hearing for green cards, a DEP number and an updated plan showing the granite curbing. The applicant provided the green cards and updated plans. DEP has issued a file number. Mr. Huefner asked if they were removing two trees. The applicant replied, “Yes, one is dieing.” They are going to remove the concrete structures. DEP had a comment about compensatory flood storage but this does not seem to be an issue since the work is above the high water mark.

There were no comments from the public.

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

Mr. Saad motioned to issue an Order of Conditions for 92 Point Breeze Rd. for the demolition of the wall with the standard conditions. Mr. Fiske second; vote all in favor.

**123 South Shore Rd.** – Jason Gallagher with masonry repairs represented the applicant. They would like to make repairs to an existing retaining wall, part of which is in the water. Mr. Huefner asked if they were going to repair the whole thing? They are only going to do a few sections. He is going to make plywood forms drilled to the existing wall and pour in the concrete. The wall will remain the same or at the most go four inches out. The wall will not be capped. They will just do the bad sections and blend them in. Mr. Gallagher is proposing to build water barriers and pump the water out. Mr. Huefner stated that they should use a turbidity curtain, to make sure debris does not go in the lake. The Builder was not familiar with that. There is no DEP file number and they should add a turbidity curtain to the plan. Mr. Fiske motioned to continue the hearing until Nov. 7. Mr. Bock second. Vote all in favor.

**Request for Determination of Applicability**

**96 Union Point Rd.** – This project involves enclosing a cellar staircase. There were several questions that were raised at the site visit. Are they removing the concrete? How are they going to dispose of the concrete? What type of erosion controls will they use? If they are digging, they will need a silt fence. However if the concrete piers are sitting on the surface they may not need one.

Mr. Fiske made a motion to table this application until a representative can be there and answer the questions. Mr. Bock second. Vote all in favor.

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**54 & 56 Point Pleasant Rd.** – Both of these houses will get new siding. House number 56 will also get a stand alone deck. The deck is not very close to the water. All cutting should be done on the street side with vacuum saw and tarp and debris fence for both houses. They should have a covered dumpster. The deck will have to be free standing.

Mr. Fiske motioned to issue a negative determination with standard procedures for the installation of new siding at 54 & 56 Point Pleasant Rd. Number 54 will also have a free standing deck and new windows. Mr. Bock second. All in favor.

**17 South Point Rd.** - Amended Order of Conditions. - An Order of Conditions was issued previously for an addition and extensive landscaping. They have changed the scope of work. They are going to remove the addition, which means the impervious calculation will drop from 20 to 14 percent. They are not going to build the retaining wall. They would like to expand the patio. The new patio will be pervious. There will be a new walkway along the porch where the slope is steep. They are adding a wood stairway overlay down to the water. The wood will not be pressure treated, probably mahogany. They will put in three 40 inch walls instead of a big retaining wall. This will bring the slope down to a three to one slope. The goal is to fix the erosion issue. Mr. Saad asked if there is existing rip rap? There is and they are proposing to add a little more. The original plans have turbidity curtain and hay bales. The original plan had also underground storm water storage. They would like to remove the underground storm water storage because the impervious area has gone down. Impervious ratio will go from 19 to 14. It would be under the planning board requirements for pervious surface area for a lot. Current configuration is 18 it will go down to 14. Mr. Huefner stated that the impervious area reduction is a good argument for getting rid of the underground storm water storage. Mr. Kunkel noted that they should keep the turbidity curtain as is stated on the original plan. Erosion controls will be on existing rip rap. Rip rap will not go into the water. They will submit pictures showing rip rap line. There were no comments from the audience.

Mr. Saad motioned to approve an Amended Order of Conditions per the new plans. Mr. Huefner second. Vote all in favor.

**Discussion**

**Oakwood Dr.** - The Commission took site walk. The Wetland and erosion control line is flagged. Mr. Para will inform the contractor to let us know when the erosion controls are up.

**Webster Lake Association - Sucker brook project** Jason Piader from the Webster Lake Association explained the current aquatic vegetation treatments. There have been 3 herbicide treatments this year using sonar and reward to knock the weeds down. They started to harvest the weeds on Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>. They are planning on working for another seven days. The town will be collecting the debris at Cudworth Rd. The project has been slightly modified. Residents on Fairfield St. are also partaking in harvesting having some performed at their own expense. Someone asked whether the product clipper will be available for use in Massachusetts. There is a petition to use clipper with the Mass. Herbicide board. Webster Lake might be exempt from clipper regulations. Mass had not approved this in the past because of concern about the possible effects on fish and invertebrates. They have started using it in Florida for golf courses. It is not related to the project. Some studies have shown it to eradicate milfoil and fan wort. Clipper is also about half the cost. The Webster Lake Association would probably use it if they had the opportunity because it is cheaper. Sonar only works for one plant and reward does the other,

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so there was a little more weed growth than we would have liked this year. Clipper allows to treat everything. A Commission member asked if the channel ever been treated in Sucker brook. Mr. Piader said no. Solitude is the name of the company doing the harvesting. When you harvest do you pull the roots? Mr. Piader indicated affirmative. Herbicide kills the plant and harvesting gets the roots. It is the best option to get them out. The roots are very big and next year the plants will be back if you don't get the roots.

For Webster Lake they can't drop the level of the lake because it would be too much water lost and not enough benefit. Right now they are spending \$60,000 a year on getting rid of the weeds.

Ms. Overholt showed the Commission pictures of work at 51 Birch Island Rd. Mr. Fiske motioned to issue an Enforcement Order for 51 Birch Island rd. Vote all in favor.

**Burrillville power plant**

The Board of Selectmen did not give the Conservation Commission any direction on how they should respond to the Burrillville power plant project. Mr. Bock said it is going to be pulling a lot of water. Mr. Fiske is worried about the pollution and fallout. Most of power will be natural gas, summer winter and fall. Mr. Huefner does not think we have jurisdiction. Ms. Overholt will talk to board of health to see if there is jurisdiction

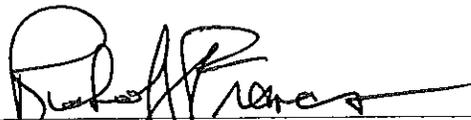
The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

**Next Meeting Date: Nov. 7, 2016** Basement Conference Room

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Overholt  
Conservation Agent

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Conservation Commission Approval:

  
Chairman

Date:

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