

**MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
LAND USE MEETING ROOM
May 1, 2017**

OPENING: The regular scheduled meeting of the Conservation Commission opened at 7:00 p.m. Attendance is as follows:

Christopher Pratt, Chairman	Present
Seth Kellogg, Vice Chairman	Present
Frank Soleimani, Commissioner	Absent
Mehmet Mizanoglu Commissioner	Present
Dave MacWilliams Commissioner	Absent
Brian Drenen Commissioner	Present
Brian Pranka Commissioner	Present
Dennis Clark, Coordinator	Present

7:05 Christopher Pratt, Chairman, opened the meeting.

MINUTES

Commissioner Mizanoglu made a motion to accept the minutes of 04/10/17. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

HEARINGS

Ms. Valerie Robustelli

7:16 **18 Brayton Drive – RDA** Chairman Pratt opened the Public Hearing by reading the notice as posted in the Westfield News on 4/24/17.

Ms. Robustelli proposed construction of a four-foot post & rail fence with wire mesh from the edge of the property to the edge of the driveway. Post and rail fence does not obstruct the view for neighboring properties. There will be a fence to prevent the family dog from exiting or neighboring dogs from entering the property. The fence will not block access to the water and located in an area that would not prohibit anyone from walking along the shore.

Chairman Pratt made a motion to approve the RDA as presented. Vice Chairman Kellogg seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

MEETING ATTENDANCE CHANGE

Vice Chairman exited the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Commissioner Mizanoglu, who was not in attendance for the opening of the meeting, joined at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Paul Fleury

Mr. Rob Levesque, R. Levesque Associates, Inc.

7:34 **32 Sam West Road - NOI** This is a continuation of the Public Hearing from the meeting on 4/10/17.

Mr. Levesque explained that there were some very interesting soils on the property. A plan was composed from a site visit in late winter and early spring. Since then, there have been some vegetation changes, and a revised plans delineating wetlands will be submitted. The DEP has submitted written concerns relative to the NOI. A new stormwater plan will be included with a section of the rear property leveled to eliminate ponding of displaced water in order to sheet flow over the entire area. Once the new wetland area is determined, any disturbed area will be replicated. A variance may be required from the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Conservation Commission will issue a letter to the Zoning Board of Appeals supporting the proposed variance which would include moving the building twenty feet and possible readjusting the parking area. Mr. Fleury needs to move his manufacturing operation from his current location on or around September 1st and stated that he would do the best with the site for a reduction on the impact of the property.

Mr. Levesque requested a continuation of the Public Hearing until May 15th. Continuation approved.

Mr. Rob Levesque, R. Levesque Associates, Inc.

7:50 **48 Sheep Pasture Road - NOI** Chairman Pratt opened the Public Hearing by reading the notice as posted in the Westfield News on 4/24/17.

Commissioner Drenen stated that he had a personal interest in the project and recused himself from voting.

Mr. Levesque stated that the proposal is for a single-family home with a portion of the driveway through the Riverfront area of a perennial stream, Great Brook. The driveway will be the minimum width in accordance with the Estate Lot Regulations. The building lot had been established in 1966. Regulations allow up to 10% or 5,000 square feet, whichever one is greater, disruption of a Riverfront area. Mr. Levesque submitted a revised NOI as a "limited project driveway crossing". Mr. Levesque also requested that the property owner be allowed to enter the property to remove "party stuff" from the Riverfront area. Apparently, the property has been used as a gathering location for someone other than the property owner.

As Commissioner Drenen was not able to vote on the proposal, and there were not sufficient members for a vote, Mr. Levesque was granted a continuation of the Public Hearing until May 15th.

ATTENDEES

Mr. David Wilcox

8 Charles Johnson Road Coordinator Clark and Commissioner Soleimani conducted a site visit at the location in response to a neighbor complaint of wetland issues. A pipe in a culvert was crushed as the result of a logging operation in the front section of the property. The pipe was replaced without permits. There are wetlands on both sides of the logging road. Mr. Wilcox, owner, has stopped all work on the property and has contracted R. Levesque Associates to submit a plan for replacing the pipe and replicating any disturbed wetland areas.

Mr. James Jones

86 Point Grove Road Mr. Jones attended the meeting to explain the construction of a dock. A letter was issued to Mr. Jones from the Conservation Commission on April 11th explaining that a permit would be required "prior" to the dock installation. Mr. Jones stated that he had not received the letter. Mr. Jones stated that he removed four sections of the old dock and used the material to anchor the new aluminum dock. The applicable documents were given to Mr. Jones to complete and file with the

Conservation Commission. The Jones were required to have a plan submitted for the docks by 05/15/17.

DISCUSSION

107 South Loomis Street – Enforcement Order R. Levesque stated that a report will be submitted via email. Chairman Pratt agreed to extend the Enforcement Order until the next scheduled meeting of the Conservation Commission on May 15th.

Certificate of Compliance DEP #292-155 The Conservation Commission signed a certification for 16 Ranch Club Road. The DEP #292-155 is for the entire subdivision, but the C of C is a partial certification, only for 16 Ranch Club Road.

LPP Variance Procedure The Conservation Commission reviewed/approved the LPP Variance Policy as created by the Lake management Committee. The policy states that LPP renewals must be submitted by May 15th of each calendar year for the dock/s to remain in the water.

642 College Highway Coordinator Clark received a call from a neighbor stating that digging was being conducted in the wetland area at the property. Clark reported that the area being disturbed appeared to be buffer area. Coordinator Clark was informed by the Building Inspector that work at the site was being conducted outside the conditions of the Special Permit. A letter will be issued to the business and property owners requiring a consultant be contracted to delineate the wetlands by the next meeting on 05/15/17.

5 Kline Road Mr. Hoxha issued an email inclusive of pictures of progress on the dwelling. The silt fence and hay bales have continued to stabilize the site.

27 Eagle Street Coordinator Clark stated that revised plans have been submitted showing the proposed retaining wall being built further away from the water than originally proposed.

Eagle Scout Project Coordinator Clark stated that the bird houses and the trail markers have been completed at the Sofinowski property. The Conservation Commission will make a presentation to the Eagle Scouts at the next meeting on 05/15/17.

Green & Clean Coordinator Clark stated that the Select Board will sponsor the annual Green & Clean to be held on May 6th at the DPW garage.

Site Visit – 16 First Street Coordinator Clark will conduct a site visit to look at the rotten trees.

56A Berkshire Avenue Randy Brown, Tree Warden, examined the tree and stated that the removal should not constitute an emergency. Coordinator Clark will inform the property owners that they will need to file with the Commission to remove the trees in question.

107 Point Grove Road Coordinator Clark stated that there has been no update on this property as of this meeting.

Noble Steed Coordinator Clark stated that he, Frank Soleimani, and Commissioner Pranka conducted a site visit at the development. Four lots have already been contracted for. The wetlands have been flagged and buttoned up. The site appeared stable and in compliance with the active Order of Conditions.

Vacation Coordinator Clark stated that he would use the remainder of his vacation allowance by taking every Wednesday and Fridays off from now until the end of the fiscal year.

Commissioner Pranka made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Nilsson, Secretary

cc:

Selectmen
Town Clerk

Christopher Pratt, Chairman

Seth Kellogg, Vice Chairman

Dave Mac Williams, Commissioner

Frank Soleimani, Commissioner

Mehmet Mizanoglu, Commissioner

Brian Drenen, Commissioner

Brian Pranka, Commissioner

Date