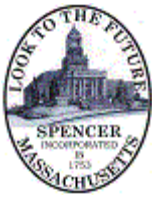


Conservation Commission – Town of Spencer

Minutes



Conservation Commission Meeting
Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 7:00 PM
Town Hall, McCourt Social Hall

The Meeting was opened at 7 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Margaret Emerson, James Bouley, Charlie Bellemer, Mary McLaughlin, Warren Snow

Commissioners Absent: Heidi Olivo

Staff present: Jane Green

Minutes Approved: April 11, 2018
April 25, 2018
May 9, 2018-Table to June 13, 2018

Signed: Order of Conditions, Maple Street, Muzzy Dam Drawdown
67 Oakland Drive, Negative Determination

7:15 p.m. Opened the Continuation of Public Hearing for Notice of Intent for MA.Dept. of Conservation and Recreation

Property: 92 McCormick Road, Spencer, MA DEP #293-0922

At the request of the Applicant, the hearing has been continued to June 13, 2018

7:17 p.m. Opened the Continuation of Public Hearing for Notice of Intent for Gerald Cestaro

Property: 18 Laurel Lane, Spencer, MA DEP #293-0923

At the request of the Applicant, the hearing has been continued to June 13, 2018

7:19 p.m. Opened the Continuation of Public Meeting for Request for Determination of Applicability for Gerald Cestaro

Property: 20 Laurel Lane, Spencer, MA

At the request of the Applicant, the meeting has been continued to June 13, 2018

7:20 p.m. Opened the Continuation of Public Hearing for Notice of Intent for Zero Point Energy Solutions Solar Farm

Property: 17 GH Wilson Road, Spencer, MA DEP #293-0926

Property: East Main Street, Spencer, MA DEP#293-0925

At the request of the Applicant, the hearing has been continued to June 13, 2018

7:23 p.m. Continuation of Public Meeting for Request for Determination of Applicability for Tony Shawki

Property: 9 Donnelly Cross Road, Spencer, MA

The applicant was not present therefore the Commission has continued the meeting to June 13, 2018

7:25 p.m. Continuation of Public Meeting for Request for Determination of Applicability for James Donohue

Property: 71 Wilson Avenue, Spencer, MA

A motion to close the public meeting (Emerson/Snow) 5/0 passed

A motion for Negative Determination (Emerson/Bouley) 5/0 passed

7:31 p.m. Public Meeting for Request for Determination of Applicability for Briane Hartley

Property: 55 Lakeshore Drive, Spencer, MA

Mr. Hartley presented a side-view sketch for the Commission to look at. He explained that he wanted to replace stairs near the water. Ms. McLaughlin said it would be altering a Bank. Ms. McLaughlin said she did not understand what needs to be done from the picture. Ms. McLaughlin suggested that Ms. Washburn go out to the site and have Mr. Hartley explain what he would like to do. Mr. Hartley asked if it would be an option to build a wall. The Commission said the wall would work without disturbing the Bank. Mr. Bellemer suggested changing the stairs to be more narrow and designing the steps differently. It was agreed to continue the meeting until June 13, 2018.

7:51 p.m. Public Hearing for Notice of Intent for Spencer Landfill Solar LLC

Property: 17 South Spencer Road, Spencer, MA DEP#2930929

SW Permit

Mr. Bellemer, Mr. Bouley, and Ms. McLaughlin from the Commission inspected the site. They had previously walked the snowmobile trails, which Ms. McLaughlin said will be conserved. Emily Mann from Citizens Energy, the applicant, gave an overview of her company. They have solar projects on ten landfills. Ms. Mann said they do not want to do any grading. Panels will be on ballasts. Briony Angus from Tighe and Bond gave an overview of the project. Ms. Angus said there no wetland impact and no clearing of vegetation. Jessica Roberts from Tighe & Bond gave a power point presentation. Ms. Roberts said there are five wetlands at the site. The southeast corner of the site contains Riverfront. Ms. Angus said there are access roads throughout the site. Tanya McCauley, a resident, wanted to know what the solar panels are made of and what is the amount of wattage. Ms. Mann said that the panels are a hot commodity and they do not know the specifics of them yet. They will not penetrate the landfill cap. The panels are 350 watts. A resident wanted to know the weight of the panels. At the site inspection, Brian Huntley said the weight of the panels is the same weight as an 18 inch snowstorm. A resident that lives near the buffer zone wanted to know whether there are chemicals in the panels. Ms.

Mann said there are no chemicals in the panels. The resident asked if there had been any major issues with any other solar farms on landfills, and Ms. Angus said there have not been any issues. Ms. McCauley wanted to know what happens to the solar panels in 20 years. Ms. Angus said there is a lot of work being done right now trying to figure out how to repurpose the panels. The meeting was continued until June 13, 2018.

Other Business:

Holmes Street: The Commission issued a Notice of Violation. Richard Kirk of Holmes Street complained of water and sediment flooding his property. Ken Lacourse said they finished paving and a microburst storm came out of nowhere. They couldn't do anything at that point because of the storm. Mr. Lacourse said they rectified the problem with protective barriers. They added more erosion controls. Ms. McLaughlin wanted to know how long it will be before the vegetation will grow. Ms. McCauley said that the solar farm makes a loud buzzing noise. Mr. Lacourse said it is from the Solectria Inverters. The more sun the louder the noise. Mr. Lacourse also brought up the fact that there should be a berm at the end of every driveway on Holmes Street. Mr. Snow said that it looks like Mr. Lacourse addressed the Notice of Violation. Ms. McLaughlin said that they will re-evaluate after the rain.

Adgalanis :

Property: McCormick Road

This property has been sold for development.

New Applications: Muzzy Dam, Order of Conditions
67 Oakland Drive, Negative Determination
66 GH Wilson, Ratify and Sign

A motion to ratify the order(Emerson/Snow)5/0

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10p.m. (Snow/Emerson) passed 5/0.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jane Green, Senior Clerk
Development & Inspectional Services

Documents reviewed at the 5/23/18 Spencer Conservation meeting:

Agenda for the 5/23/18 meeting
O of C for Maple Street, Muzzy Dam Drawdown
Negative Determination for 67 Oakland Drive
Continuance form for 92 McCormick Road

Continuance form for 18 Laurel Lane
Continuance form for 20 Laurel Lane
Continuance form for 17 GH Wilson Road
Continuance form for East Main Street
Continuance form for 9 Donnelly Cross Road
RDA file 71 Wilson Ave
Continuance form for 55 Lakeshore Drive
NOI file 17 South Spencer Road
Notice of Violation issued Holmes Street
Sketch 55 Lakeshore Drive
Inspection report 55 Lakeshore Drive
Plans 17 South Spencer Road
Inspection report 17 South Spencer Road
Photographs 17 South Spencer Road
Photographs 9 Donnelly Cross Road
Inspection report 9 Donnelly Cross Road
Photographs 5 Jolicoeur Avenue
Inspection report 37 Laurel Lane
Photographs 37 Laurel Lane
Inspection report O'Gara Park
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