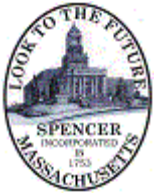


Conservation Commission – Town of Spencer

Minutes



Conservation Commission Meeting
Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 7:00 PM
Town Hall, McCourt Social Hall

The Meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Heidi Olivo, Warren Snow, Margaret Emerson, Charlie Bellemer, Mary McLaughlin arrived at 9:00 p.m.

Commissioners Absent:

Staff present: Margaret Washburn, Jane Green

Minutes Approved: June 27, 2018

Signed: Order of Conditions, 92 McCormick Road

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 SW Permit

Brian Miller and Robert Lowell were present. They will use 6 inch timbers as shown on the plans. No drawdown is proposed.

A motion to close the public hearing (Snow/Olivo)4/0.

A motion to approve plan with special conditions (Snow/Bellemer)4/0.

7:23 p.m. Opened the Continuation of Public Hearing for Notice of Intent for Gerald Cestaro

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

At the request of the Applicant, the hearing has been continued until July 25, 2018

7:24 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 hearing has been continued until July 25, 2018.

7:26 p.m. Opened the Continuation of Public Hearing for Notice of Intent for Spencer Landfill Solar LLC

Property: 17 South Spencer Road, Spencer, MA DEP #293-0929

SW permit

Briony Angus presented the updated plans. A double row of erosion controls have been added. There are more detailed specifications regarding knotweed removal. Knotweed control has been added to the long term operations and maintenance (O&M) plan. The culvert replacement will alter 75 square feet of BVW with a proposed 200 square feet of replication area. Briony submitted revised NOI forms. The Commission will require a Certified Erosion Sediment and Stormwater Inspector (CESSWI).

A motion to close the public hearing (Olivo/Snow) passed 4/0.

A motion to approve plans (Snow/Bellemer) 4/0.

7:42 p.m. Opened the Continuation of Public Hearing for Notice of Intent for Jeremy Ahearn

Property: 460 Main Street, Spencer, MA DEP # 293-0933 SW Permit

Jeremy Ahearn of Ahearn Equipment, Scott Morrison from Ecotec and Paul Chisholm, P.E., presented the parking lot improvement plan. Operational and safety improvements are proposed. The detention basin will be lined. The design shows a new stormwater pond. The Commission suggested an orange construction fence between Ahearn's and Sibley farm as a visual limit of work. Steven Tyler requested revised plans due to a town water main easement. It is a 20 foot wide easement. Ms. Washburn asked that all sheets on the plans show actual width of the water easement. A resident, Shirley Hassett, wanted to know what will happen to the water with the increase in rainwater over the macadam. Mr. Chisholm said that it is designed for a 100-year storm which is the standard. At the request of the applicant, the hearing has been continued until July 25, 2018.

8:09 p.m. Opened the Continuation for Public Hearing for Notice of Intent for Barbara Leblanc

Property: 7 Wilson Avenue, Spencer, MA DEP # 293-0930

Jason Dubois proposed a 2000 gallon tight tank. One maple tree needs to be taken down. The Commission would like the applicant to replace it with another tree that is not invasive. As a special condition, the commission would like the applicant to notify them prior to planting and indicate the species and location of the tree.

A motion to close the public hearing (Snow/Bellemer) 4/0.

A motion to approve plans with the special condition. (Snow/Olivo) 4/0.

8:17 p.m. Opened the Continuation for Public Hearing for Notice of Intent for William Klansek

Property: 1 Lake Whittemore Drive, Spencer, MA DEP#293-0931

Property: 3 Lake Whittemore Drive, Spencer, MA DEP#293-0932

Jason Dubois presented plans. Shirley Hassett a resident from Lake Whittemore said the sewer line is a private line owned by 3 abutters. The applicant, William Klansek, stated that he met with the Sewer Department and they are going to tie in the sewer line from

Route 9 to his property. Cameron Bishop of 5 Lake Whittemore said that all the residents in that area have wet basements most of the time. Kimberly and Peter Hughes of 9 Lake Whittemore said they get water from the stream in their cellar. Mr. Hughes said that when the town put in the football field, everyone started getting water in their basement. Another resident, Shirley Goyette, expressed her concern about the water table. Ms. Goyette said, "Old Man McCarthy used to dredge the stream every year." The Army Corps of Engineers wanted to put a pipe under it but Mr. McCarthy would not let them. Ms. Washburn said that the plans meet the requirements of the state and town regulations. Mary Hollingsworth, an abutter, asked Mr. Klansek if they can get vegetative screening. Mr. Klansek said that he would consider it if she will maintain the plantings.

*A motion to close both public hearings (Snow/Bellemer) 4/0.
A motion to approve the plans (Olivo/Snow) 4/0.*

Other Business:

Town Highway Department - Steven Tyler reviewed his 90 page document of the 2018 Highway Department projects.

184 Greenville Street-George Goulas Enforcement Order. Ms. Washburn said that Jason Dubois sent an email stating that an NOI would be filed by 7/18/18.

New Applications: No site visits scheduled.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Jane Green, Senior Clerk
Development & Inspectional Services

Documents reviewed at the 7/11/18 Spencer Conservation Commission meeting

Agenda for 7/11/18

Margaret's report dated 7/11/18

Minutes for the 6/27/18 meeting

NOI file for 92 McCormick Road, including OofC with special conditions (signed)

Connorstone Engineering stormwater peer review report for 92 McCormick Road, dated 7/9/18

Continuance form for 20 Laurel Lane (signed)

Continuance form for 18 Laurel Lane (signed)

NOI file for 17 South Spencer Road

Lenard Engineering stormwater peer review report for 17 South Spencer Road, dated 7/9/18

EcoTec wetlands peer review report for 17 South Spencer Road, dated 7/9/18

NOI file for 460 Main Street

Memo dated 7/6/18 from U&F re: Town water line at 460 Main Street

Lenard Engineering peer review report for 460 Main Street, dated 7/11/18

NOI file for 7 Wilson Avenue

NOI file for 1 Lake Whittemore Drive

NOI file for 3 Lake Whittemore Drive

Spencer Highway Department 2018 projects update

FEMA Letter of Amendment for 19 Lake Avenue

UMass Amherst guide to helping landowners protect their land