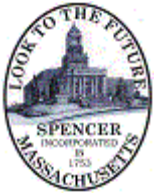


# Conservation Commission – Town of Spencer

## *Minutes*



Conservation Commission Meeting  
Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at 7:00 PM  
Town Hall, McCourt Social Hall

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The Meeting was opened at 7 p.m.

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

Commissioners Absent: Heidi Olivo

Staff present: Margaret Washburn

**Minutes Approved:** October 10, 2018-Table to November 14, 2018

**Signed:** Order of Conditions, 115 Smithville Road  
Order of Conditions, 27 Sherman Grove

### **7:15 p.m. Opened the Public Hearing for the Notice of Intent for Independence Solar**

**Property: 20 & 32 McCormick Road, Spencer, MA DEP#293-0936 SW Permit**

George Smith, James Schwartz, Rebecca Baptista and Paul McManus were present. Ms. Baptista discussed the updates done to the plans. She showed the commission the basin headwall revision that was submitted today. Mr. McManus said that the sediment controls near the stream were updated. There was discussion on last minute submissions. The commission would like to update the policy statement regarding submissions.

*A motion to close the public hearing (Snow/Emerson) 4/0*

*A motion to accept the plan with special conditions (Emerson/Snow) 4/0*

### **7:49 p.m. Opened the Continuation of Public Hearing the Notice of Intent for Esmeralda Reynolds**

**Property: 369 East Main Street, Spencer, MA DEP#293-0940**

Scott Morrison from EcoTec presented the revised plans that the commission requested. The Commission required one special condition: Permanent Wetland markers, consisting of Wetland flags E3, E4, E5, E6 and E7 as shown on the Conservation Plan. There will be T-posts which indicate the permanent limit of disturbance and they are displayed with

metal markers that read “Protected Wetland Boundary”.

*A motion to close the public hearing (Snow/Emerson) 4/0*

*A motion to approve the plans with conditions (Snow/Bellemer) 4/0*

**7:54 p.m. Opened the Continuation of Public Hearing for the Notice of Intent for Glen & Cheryl Pike**

**Property: 137 Wilson Avenue, Spencer, MA DEP#293-0943**

Jason Dubois & Glen Pike presented the plan. The commission wanted to know what trees were going to be removed. Mr. Dubois discussed what trees were going to be removed. The commission required special conditions. The conditions are to plant five trees of non-invasive species, and call the office for an inspection of sediment controls and the oil-absorbent boom.

*A motion to close the public hearing (Snow/Emerson) 4/0*

*A motion to approve the plans with conditions (Snow/Bellemer) 4/0*

**8:02 p.m. Open the Continuation of Public Meeting for the Request for Determination of Applicability for John Miczek**

**Property: 8 North Spencer Road, Spencer MA**

The commission received the final sign-off letter from the National Heritage.

*A motion to close the public meeting (Emerson/Snow) 4/0*

*A motion to approve the negative determination (Snow/Emerson) 4/0*

**8:05 p.m. Public Hearing for the Notice of Intent for John Winslow**

**Property: 27 Holmes Street, Spencer, MA DEP#293-0945 SW Permit**

John Winslow was present regarding the plan to build a single-family home. Lenard Engineering had reviewed the project for Stormwater. A stormwater surety bond shall be released when the project is rough graded in compliance with the approved plan. The stormwater surety bond shall not be fully released until the Stormwater Authority has issued a Certificate of Compliance.

The commission requires the permanent, four-foot high, stone or concrete monuments installed at the location on the wetland flags shown on the Notice of Intent plans. The monuments shall indicate the permanent limit of disturbance by displaying metal markers reading “Protected Wetland Boundary”.

*A motion to close the public hearing (Snow/Emerson) 4/0*

*A motion to approve with 2 conditions (Snow/Bellemer) 4/0*

**8:17 p.m. Public Hearing for the Notice of Intent for Spencer Highway Department**

**Property: Donnelly Cross Road Bridge over Shaw Brook, Spencer, MA DEP#293-0942 SW Permit CONTINUE TO 11/14/18**

**8:19 p.m. Public Hearing for the Notice of Intent for Briane & Lynne Hartley**

**Property: 55 Lakeshore Drive, Spencer, MA DEP#293-0944**

Scott Morrison presented the project. He is going to meet with the contractor to restore the Bank of Thompson Pond where stones were placed in Land Under Water Body. Mr. Morrison discussed all the proposed work.

*A motion to close the public hearing (Bellemer/Emerson) 4/0*

*A motion to accept plans as presented (Bellemer/Emerson) 4/0*

**8:25 p.m. Public Meeting for Request for Determination of Applicability for**

**Travis Connor**

**Property: 91 Wilson Avenue, Spencer, MA**

Ms. McLaughlin read the inspection report. Travis Connor was asked to consider replacement plantings of non-invasive species. The stumps are to remain. The growing season has ended. The commission requests loam to be spread in April. Ms. Washburn asked Mr. Connor for revised sketches.

*A motion to close the public meeting (Emerson/Snow) 4/0*

*A motion to approve negative determination with conditions (Snow/Emerson) 4/0*

**Other Business:**

**64 Borkum Road:** Levon Kachadoorian from Everlast Nursery was present with Pamela Simonis. Mr. Kachadoorian identified a place between Ms. Simonis's house and the road where he can make landscape beds. He showed sketches to the commission. The commission wants him to find out where the wells are on the neighbor's property, and submit three sketches of the plan. The manure will be stored in the paddock until November 14, 2018.

**Request to appoint a Commission member to the solar bylaw review committee.**

Tanya McCauley, Jan Parke and Matt Defosse were present for the solar bylaw committee. They want to review the bylaws. Margaret Emerson is willing to join this committee. There was a discussion about the bylaws from the committee.

**Lots 2 & 3 Valley View Drive:** Cease and desist until sediment controls have been maintained and inspected. Replace all hay bales that have been covered with sediments.

**Holmes Street Solar:** Ken Lacourse had revised drawings on his latest proposal. Graves Engineering reviewed the drawings. The proposal is to install a new gutter inlet with a catch basin grate and connect the gutter inlet to DCB-A (a single-grade catch basin).

*A motion to approve the work proposed (Snow/Bellemer) 4/0*

**Glen Krevosky:** Cold water fishery.

*A motion to issue a letter of support (Snow/Emerson) 4/0*

**Wire Village School Detention Basin:** Eric Hevy sent photos and updated the commission regarding the progress with the vegetation removal within the water detention ponds. The Spencer Highway Department was able to make two swipes around two detention ponds and one around the west side of the building. He made arrangements for the Worcester County Sheriff's Office Community Service Program to come do clean up. Mr. Hevy's goal is to maintain those areas every few years and use the WCSO Community Service program again.

**Policy Statement:** Prep and revise a draft regarding the deadline that the Conservation Commission needs revised documents.

New Applications: 62 Borkum Road, RDA

*A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. (Bellemer/Emerson) passed 4/0.*

Respectfully submitted by:

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Jane Green, Senior Clerk  
Development & Inspectional Services

Documents reviewed at the 10/24/18 Spencer Conservation Commission meeting

Agenda for 10/24/18

Margaret's report dated 10/24/18

Minutes from the 9/12/18 meeting

Order of Conditions for 115 Smithville Road (signed)

Order of Conditions for 27 Sherman Grove (signed)

NOI file for 20 & 32 McCormick Road

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NOI file for 369 East Main Street

Order of Conditions for 369 East Main Street (signed)

NOI file for 137 Wilson Avenue

Order of Conditions for 137 Wilson Avenue (signed)

RDA file for 8 North Spencer Road

Negative Determination for 8 North Spencer Road (signed)

NOI file for 27 Holmes Street

Order of Conditions for 27 Holmes Street (signed)

Continuance form for Donnelly Cross Road Bridge over Shaw Brook (signed)

NOI file for 55 Lakeshore Drive

Order of Conditions for 55 Lakeshore Drive (signed)

RDA file for 91 Wilson Avenue

Negative Determination for 91 Wilson Avenue (signed)

Sketch submitted by Levon Kachadoorian for 64 Borkum Road

Inspection report and photographs of Lots 2 & 3 Valley View Drive

Draft policy statement submitted by Margaret Emerson re: all revised documents are needed 7 days prior to public hearings/meetings

Two drawings submitted by Ken Lacourse for remediating drainage issues the Holmes Street solar farm

Documents submitted by Glenn Krevosky re: cold water fishery status of an unnamed perennial stream that crosses under Route 31 at 115 Charlton Road and flows into the Cranberry River