

Conservation Commission – Town of Spencer



Minutes

Conservation Commission Meeting
Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 7:00 PM
Town Hall, McCourt Social Hall

The Meeting was opened at 7 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Mary McLaughlin, Margaret Emerson, John Haverty, James Bouley, Warren Snow (arrived at 7:13 p.m.)

Commissioners Absent: Brian Graeff

Staff present: Margaret Washburn

Minutes Approved: January 11, 2017 – *A motion to approve the minutes (Emerson/Bouley) passed 4/0.*

Signed: 19 Sherman Grove, Order of Conditions

7:15 p.m. Opened the Continuation of Public Hearing for an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation for Karen Hubacz-Kiley

Property: 93 & 97 Hastings Road, Spencer, MA

At the request of the applicant, the hearing has been continued to February 22, 2017.

7:17 p.m. Opened the Continuation of Public Hearing for Notice of Intent for Spencer Fish & Game Club

Property: 155 Mechanic Street, Spencer, MA DEP#293-

Steve Broyer said the project is to repair the failing outlet structure which is leaking. Mr. Broyer said the plans and engineering calculations were provided to Graves Engineering back in mid November. Revised calculations and plans were submitted on January 16th. Ms. Washburn said that DEP should have been sent the first and second set of plans and calculations. Mr. Broyer will send them to DEP. Ms. Washburn said they do not have any comments or a DEP file number as of today; DEP in Worcester has not received the filing. The hearing must be continued. At the request of the applicant, the hearing has been continued to February 22, 2017.

7:28 p.m. Opened the Public Hearing for Notice of Intent for Patrick Grassey

Property: 63 Wilson Avenue, Spencer, MA DEP#293-0896

Ms. Washburn said she inspected yesterday and took photos. She said there are no Conservation issues at this time. Mark Santora, Engineer, said the cesspool is in failure.

It will be replaced with a septic system. He said he was able to avoid placing the septic system across the road, where groundwater pours out of the hill. The new system will be a great improvement over the existing cesspool. Mr. Santora said a 40 ml plastic barrier will be installed at the limit of work.

A motion to close the public hearing (Haverty/Snow) passed 5/0.

A motion to accept plan as submitted (Emerson/Bouley) passed 5/0.

Other Business:

144 Mechanic Street: The Commission referred to the memo from Christopher Barden, of Graves Engineering. Mr. Broyer said he met with Mr. Barden today. Mr. Barden's concern is that the erosion controls have been pulled back and there will be discharge. Mr. Broyer said in his opinion there will not be discharge.

The project is behind schedule due to the weather. Mr. Broyer said that none of the effluent is discharging off the site. All of the perimeter sediment controls are constructed. Ms. McLaughlin read Mr. Barden's memo. Per Mr. Barden's memo, Mr. Broyer must fix the sediment controls immediately as per the approved plans. Mr. Broyer is requesting that the Commission release \$85,000.00 of the stormwater bond so he can fix the site. Mr. Broyer said he can have all sediment controls repaired by February 2, 2017. Mr. Broyer said he would submit a check for \$15,000.00 by February 1, 2017 for Graves Engineering continuing project monitoring.

Depot Trail Grant Application: Ms. Washburn said the application will be submitted to the Department of Conservation and Recreation on February 1, 2017.

Mr. Snow will not be at the February 8th Conservation meeting.

New Applications: 68 & 70 Donnelly Road, NOI

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. (Bouley/Emerson) passed 5/0.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lisa Daoust, Senior Clerk
Development & Inspectional Services

Documents reviewed at the 1/25/17 Spencer Conservation Commission meeting:

Agenda for the 1/25/17 meeting
Margaret's report dated 1/25/17
Minutes from the 1/11/17 CC meeting
Continuation form for the 93 & 97 Hastings Road ANRAD (signed)
Continuation form for the 155 Mechanic Street NOI (signed)
NOI file for 63 Wilson Avenue
Order of Conditions for 19 Sherman Grove (signed)
Memo from Graves Engineering re: sediment control at 144 Mechanic Street, dated 1/25/17
Engineering review report from Graves Engineering for 155 Mechanic Street, dated 1/25/17
Graves Engineering CESSWI report for 144 Mechanic Street, dated 1/17/17
E-mail message from Don Graves re: more funds needed from Ecos Energy to complete CESSWI inspections at 144 Mechanic Street, dated 1/25/17