

# Conservation Commission – Town of Spencer

## *Minutes*



Conservation Commission Meeting  
Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 7:00 PM  
Town Hall, McCourt Social Hall  
157 Main Street, Spencer, MA

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The Meeting was opened at 7 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Mary McLaughlin, Warren Snow, Margaret Emerson, James Bouley, John Haverty, Brian Graeff, Kaitlin Desmarais

Staff present: Margaret Washburn

**Minutes Approved:** February 8, 2017 – *A motion to approve the minutes as amended (Haverty/Bouley) passed 7/0.*

**7:16 p.m. Opened the Continuation of Public Meeting 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 meeting has been continued to March 22, 2017.

**7:18 p.m. Opened the Continuation of Public Hearing for Notice of Intent for Spencer Fish & Game Club (SW PERMIT)**

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

At the request of the applicant, the hearing has been continued to March 8, 2017.

**7:20 p.m. Opened the Continuation of Public Hearing for Notice of Intent for Jim Hansen (SW PERMIT)**

**Property: 68 & 70 Donnelly Road, Spencer, MA DEP#293-0898**

Scott Morrison, from EcoTec, explained the project which consists of constructing two single family homes with one septic system and one well. Mr. Morrison said this project is exempt from the DEP Stormwater Regulations because this project is for only two lots.

Mr. Morrison said Lenard Engineering is suggesting that the bio-retention basin be lifted up two feet. They also said the bio-retention basin should only pond between five and six inches. Mr. Morrison said in order to comply with these changes the basin would take up a huge area. An alternative would be an infiltration basin. Instead of planting native trees and shrubs, grass would have to be planted.

Mr. Hansen said the second house might not be built for 10 years. He would like to have the stormwater bond released once the house at 70 Donnelly Road and the drainage are complete and a partial Certificate of Compliance is issued. Ms. Washburn will put a condition in the Order of Conditions.

Mr. Hansen said he would like to install 12" rip-rap on the abutment for the stream crossing. Ms. Washburn told him to blow up the detail for the area on the plan where they want to add the rip-rap and add the square feet: i.e. 15x2.5 feet on each side. Mr. Hansen said he is proposing to construct a shed which will be outside the buffer zone. He said he is also proposing to build a deck within the buffer zone. The deck is 80 feet from the lake and 20 feet from the wetlands.

This hearing must remain open until other applicable permits have been issued including the shared driveway special permit from the Planning Board and the driveway permit from Utilities and Facilities. *At the request of the applicant, the hearing has been continued to March 8, 2017.*

#### **Other Business:**

**Cranberry Meadow Lake:** Ms. Washburn spoke with DEP and they informed her it was not necessary to inspect the lake. *A motion to issue the Certificate of Compliance (Emerson/Haverty) passed 6/0. Mr. Bouley recused himself.*

**Lot 4, Sherry Lane:** Ms. Washburn said that Jesse Kady called to tell her that he re-installed the sediment controls as per the approved plans.

**Envirothon:** Ms. McLaughlin spoke with the Envirothon Team. They would like to meet with the Commission on March 22, 2017 at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the topic of agricultural soils in Spencer.

New Applications:     3 Old Meadow Road, NOI  
                                     70 Chickering Road, RDA

*A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. (Graeff/Emerson) passed 7/0.*

Respectfully submitted by:

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Lisa Daoust, Senior Clerk  
Development & Inspectional Services

Documents reviewed at the 2/22/17 Spencer Conservation Commission meeting:

Agenda for the 2/22/17 meeting

Margaret's report dated 2/22/17

Minutes from the 2/8/17 CC meeting

NOI file for 68 & 70 Donnelly Road

Lenard Engineering peer review report, dated 2/21/17, for 68 & 70 Donnelly Road

Quinn Engineering report dated 2/15/17 to respond to the initial Lenard Engineering peer review report for 68 & 70 Donnelly Road

Continuation form for 68 & 70 Donnelly Road (signed)

Continuation form for 93 & 97 Hastings Road ANRAD (signed)

Continuation form for 155 Mechanic Street (signed)

Certificate of Compliance for Cranberry Meadow Pond herbiciding (signed)

Request for extension for Sugden Reservoir herbiciding from Solitude Lake Management