

# Conservation Commission – Town of Spencer

## *Minutes*



Conservation Commission Meeting  
Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 7:00 PM  
Town Hall, McCourt Social Hall

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The Meeting was opened at 7 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Mary McLaughlin, Margaret Emerson, James Bouley, John Haverty, Kaitlin Desmarais

Commissioners Absent: Warren Snow, Brian Graeff

Staff present: Margaret Washburn

**Minutes Approved:** April 26, 2017 – *A motion to approve the minutes as amended (Haverty/Bouley) passed 5/0.*

**7:15 p.m. Opened the Continuation of Public Hearing for Notice of Intent for St. Joseph's Abbey**

**Property: 167 North Spencer Road, Spencer, MA DEP#293-0878**

At the request of the applicant, the hearing has been continued to May 24, 2017.

### **Other Business:**

**19 Bixby Road:** Rich Griffin and Ryan Geeleher were present. Ms. Washburn inspected and most of the work that was required in the Enforcement Order was done. Ms. Washburn lifted the cease and desist order. On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Ms. Washburn inspected again. All the hay bales at the bottom of the unstabilized slopes have been replaced. The slopes on the east side have been heavily loamed, seeded, and tackified, and a row of wattles has been installed half way down the slopes. The south end hasn't been finished because more site work has to be done to build the cul-de-sac. Ms. Washburn said the only thing they did not do was install jute netting. Mr. Geeleher said the hydro-seeding replaces the jute netting because it has more fibers in it. Ms. Washburn asked if they plan to seed the area by the bridge where the sewer line went through. Mr. Griffin said they do plan to seed it. Ms. Washburn indicated that she would like it if they would monitor and address erosion problems themselves. *A motion to ratify the Enforcement Order (Emerson/Haverty) passed 5/0.*

**19 Woodchuck Lane & 48 Paxton Road:** The Commission reviewed the synopsis of the analysis prepared by Graves Engineering. They recommended releasing \$58,000.00 of the stormwater bond for 48 Paxton Road and \$63,000.00 of the stormwater bond for 19 Woodchuck Lane. *A motion to issue the \$58,000.00 stormwater bond for 48 Paxton Road and \$63,000.00 stormwater bond for 19 Woodchuck Lane (Emerson/Haverty) passed 5/0.*

**Brooks Pond Dam:** Ms. Washburn inspected yesterday. She said there are no conservation issues at this time and recommended issuing a Certificate of Compliance. *A motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance (Bouley/Emerson) passed 5/0.*

**Camp Marshall:** Ms. Washburn said she received a call today from Rob Lowell, an Engineer from the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). He told her that he has been dealing with the clean-up of lead from the rifle range. He expects to come before the Conservation Commission regarding the rifle range clean-up. Mr. Lowell also told Ms. Washburn that there has been shotgun/skeet shooting at Turkey Hill Brook for many years. He asked a Licensed Site Professional (LSP) to check the area near Turkey Hill Brook. There are high levels of lead in the soils near the stream. They will need to install some fencing to divert people away from State Snowmobile Trail #71 and the fences must remain for “some time”. Ms. Washburn will meet Mr. Lowell on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at the MidState Trail parking lot at Camp Marshall to see the problem area near Turkey Hill Brook.

New Applications: Stiles Reservoir, NOI

*A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. (Haverty/Bouley) passed 5/0.*

Respectfully submitted by:

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Lisa Daoust, Senior Clerk  
Development & Inspectional Services

Documents reviewed at the 5/10/17 Spencer Conservation Commission meeting:

Agenda for the 5/10/17 meeting

Margaret's report dated 5/10/17

Minutes from the 4/26/17 CC meeting

Continuance form for 167 North Spencer Road (signed)

Enforcement Order for 19 Bixby Road (ratified)

Site photographs and inspection reports dated 5/3/17 and 5/10/17 for 19 Bixby Road

Site photographs, inspection report and Certificate of Compliance for the Brooks Pond Dam repair (signed)

Report from Graves Engineering dated 5/3/17 re: partial stormwater bond release amounts recommended for 48 Paxton Road and 19 Woodchuck Lane

Partial stormwater bond release requests from Mike Aladich of Pro-Tech Energy Solutions for 48 Paxton Road and 19 Woodchuck Lane

NOI for Stiles Reservoir aquatic plant management program