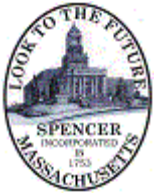


Conservation Commission – Town of Spencer

Minutes



Conservation Commission Meeting
Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 7:00 PM
Town Hall, McCourt Social Hall

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

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

Commissioners Absent:

Staff present: Margaret Washburn, Jane Green

Staff absent:

Minutes Approved: February 27, 2019

Signed:

7:15 p.m. Continuation of the Public Hearing for the Notice of Intent for the Spencer Highway Department

Property: Donnelly Cross Road Bridge over Shaw Brook, Spencer, MA DEP#293-0942 SW Permit

Bree Sullivan from Bayside Engineering presented and discussed the changes to the plans. Ms. Washburn read the proposed special conditions.

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

A motion to approve the plans with special conditions (Emerson/Snow) passed 4/0

7:31 p.m. Continuation of the Public Hearing to Amend the Order of Conditions for CDW Consultants, Inc.

Property: 92 McCormick Road, Spencer, MA DEP#293-0922

At the request of the applicant, the hearing has been continued to March 27, 2019.

7:33 p.m. Opened the Public Hearing for the Notice of Intent for the Town of Spencer

Property: Hastings Road, Spencer, MA DEP#293-**No DEP file no. has been issued. SW Permit**

At the request of the applicant, the hearing has been continued to March 27, 2019.

7:35 p.m. Opened the Public Hearing for the Notice of Intent for Spencer Fish & Game Club

Property: 155 Mechanic Street, Spencer, MA DEP#293-**no DEP file number has been issued.**

At the request of the applicant, the hearing has been continued to April 10, 2019.

7:36 p.m. Opened the Public Hearing for the Notice of Intent for Maureen Hatch

Property: 7 Sycamore Avenue, Spencer, MA DEP#293-0954

Jason Dubois presented the plans. Ms. McLaughlin read the inspection report.

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

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

7:45 p.m. Opened the Public Hearing for the Notice of Intent for William Delude

Property: 10 Blueberry Hill Drive, Spencer, MA DEP#293-***no DEP file number has been issued.**

At the request of the applicant, the hearing has been continued to March 27, 2019.

Other Business:

Thompson Pond Road culvert complaint: An anonymous letter was dropped off at ODIS on 3/13/19, expressing concern about lack of sediment controls at the proposed culvert replacement. Ms. Washburn met Nathan Gottier of Stanec at the site. He agreed to stabilize all of the exposed soils upon completion of the culvert replacement.

45 Kingsbury Road: Thomas Abraham was present regarding the Notice of Violation. He didn't realize he was working in the 100-ft buffer zone. He was cleaning up his yard. He got a permit to burn the brush pile. The Commission scheduled a follow-up site walk.

102 Chickering Road Stormwater Bond question: Matt Schold wanted to know if he could get the bond released, because it is up for renewal. Ms. Washburn said that the Order of Conditions requires a Certificate of Compliance in order to release the full amount.

Solar Farm Vegetation: Margaret Emerson wanted to discuss what should be planted around the solar farms. There was a discussion on using herbicides and pesticides around the solar panels. Ms. Washburn stated that bittersweet would inevitably climb up the panel supports if they do not use some form of chemical treatment. Ms. Emerson said that some of the other towns have put a cap on the number of solar farms. The Commission discussed the idea of a requirement to set aside an equal amount of forest when putting in a solar farm. There was also discussion about a surcharge for solar farms.

Thompson Pond: OofC for nuisance aquatic vegetation control, DEP #293-0742:

Marty Nathan had a question regarding section B from the Order of Conditions that was issued in 2010. Mr. Nathan was seeking clarification regarding whether updated

bathymetry maps are required under the OofC that was extended on 2/27/19. An updated bathymetry map was submitted with the recent request for extension of the OofC. The Commission reviewed the terms of the OofC and agreed that the OofC required that only one bathymetric map was required, as per page 8A in the OofC. The OofC does not require that bathymetric maps must be submitted when requests for extensions are submitted.

New Applications: 25 Kingsbury Road, RDA
Thompson Pond Road (near#40), NOI
Greenville St 166 West to Kingsbury RD, NOI

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. (Snow/Emerson) passed 4/0.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jane Green, Senior Clerk
Development & Inspectional Services

Documents reviewed at the 3/13/19 Spencer Conservation Commission meeting

Agenda for 3/13/19

Margaret's report dated 3/13/19

Minutes from the 2/27/19 meeting

NOI file for the Donnelly Cross Road Bridge

Continuance form for the 92 McCormick Road NOI (signed)

Continuance form for the Hastings Road Bridge NOI (signed)

Continuance form for 155 Mechanic Street NOI (signed)

NOI file for 7 Sycamore Avenue

Continuance form for the 10 Blueberry Hill Drive NOI (signed)

Anonymous letter dated 2/12/19 re: lack of sediment remediation at the proposed culvert replacement site on Thompson Pond Road

Letter from Attorney Bernard Conlin requesting an extension for meeting the terms of the 12/18 Enforcement order for the Jenese property on East Charlton Road (R04-3) until June 1, 2019

Violation file for 45 Kingsbury Road