

Conservation Commission – Town of Spencer

SPECIAL REMOTE MEETING

Minutes



Conservation Commission Meeting
Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 10:00 AM
Town Hall, McCourt Social Hall

The Meeting was opened at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioners on Audio-Conferencing call: Charlie Bellemer, Margaret Emerson, Mary McLaughlin & Warren Snow

Commissioners Absent: Robert Perry

Staff present: George Russell, Jane Green
Staff absent:

Minutes Approved: March 11, 2020 – Table to April 22, 2020

Signed:

10:02 a.m. Opened the Public Hearing for the Notice of Intent for Nancy Paquette Property: 129 Wilson Ave, Spencer, MA no Dep# has been issued.

Mary McLaughlin opened the hearing.

Due to the Governor's order, based on the COVID-19, the hearing has been continued to April 22, 2020 (Emerson/Bellemer) 4/0 passed.

10:04 a.m. Opened the Public Hearing for the Notice of Intent for Phyllis Brewer Property: East Charlton Road, Spencer, MA no DEP# has been issued.

Mary McLaughlin opened the hearing.

Due to the Governor's order, based on the COVID-19, the hearing has been continued to April 22, 2020 (Bellemer/Emerson) 4/0 passed.

Other Business:

Emergency Certification: Margaret Emerson suggested that if the Agent is not available, any member of the Conservation Commission can issue an Emergency Certificate. Mr. Russell mailed the members the forms; one blank and one completed as long as it is ratified by the entire Commission at the next regular meeting.

102 Chickering Road: Mr. Russell said that all is ready for release to be granted.

A motion to issue the Certificate of Compliance (Emerson/Bellemer) 4/0 passed.

Chairs: Mr. Russell requested the Commission to authorize the purchase of two chairs from the Wetland's Filing account to replace broken chairs for Jane Green and himself.

The commission agreed to purchase two chairs (Emerson/Bellemer) 4/0 passed.

Agent's Report:

Agent's report is appended to and made part of the minutes.

New Applications: 20 Wilson Street – RDA
CSX Right-of-Way - RDA

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 a.m. (Bellemer/Emerson) 4/0 passed.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jane Green, Senior Clerk
Development & Inspectional Services

Documents Reviewed at 3-25-20 Conservation Commission Meeting

Agent's Report 3-25-20

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Emergency Certs

102 Chickering Road – CofC approved need signatures

Town of Spencer, Massachusetts

Office of Development & Inspectional Services

Planning Board
Zoning Board of Appeals
Conservation
Board of Health

Town Planner
Inspector of Buildings
Health Agent
Wetland/Soil Specialist



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TO: Conservation Commission

FM: George Russell, AICP
Conservation Agent

RE: Agent's Report

DATE: 3/25/20

4.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Item 4.1. 129 Wilson Ave. NOI: This application was filed as a result of a NOV from my office and a vote of the Commission to require an NOI be filed. The issue concerns leaves placed in the stream channel at this address, thus impacting bank, LUWB, and flood hazard zones. I believe that removing the bottom layer of the leaves etc. will potentially do more damage than leaving them there and therefore I would recommend that the Commission should vote to grant the Orders to allow removal of the all but the bottom 6" of the debris and that no more be allowed to be deposited, unless via nature. All removal should be done by hand vis-à-vis by machine.

When the DEP number is issued, I would recommend the following special conditions: 27-30, 34, 37,46, 47, 50, 52 & 53.

Item 4.2. Phyllis Brewer, E. Charlton Road NOI: This permit is for the now infamous Jenese property/violation on E. Charlton Road. There is a significant wetlands delineation involved and have thus requested the applicant to forward a copy of the application to a peer reviewer. I would recommend the Commission take no testimony/action until we have the completed peer review. In addition, the NOI # has not been issued.

As a side note, there has been no contact with Mr. Moore who was also issued an enforcement order on this property. I have generated numerous pieces of correspondence to him and have not heard anything.

5.0 OTHER BUSINESS:

Item 5.1 Emergency Certs.: In your packets will be a copy of an emergency cert and a blank emergency cert form. These are being distributed in the event you must issue one while I am not here. Any member can issue one as an individual as long as it its ratified by the entire Commission at the next meeting.

Item 5.2. 102 Chickering Rd. COC: All is ready for the release to be granted.

6.0 AGENT REPORTS:

Item 6.1.