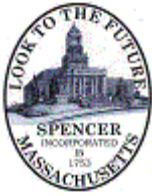


Conservation Commission – Town of Spencer

Minutes



Conservation Commission Meeting
Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 7:00 PM
Town Hall, McCourt Social Hall

The Meeting was opened at 6:45 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Mary McLaughlin, Margaret Emerson, James Bouley, Heidi Olivo, Charlie Bellemer

Commissioners Absent: Warren Snow

Staff present: Margaret Washburn

Envirothon Students: Ms. McLaughlin said the students are inquiring about ways to protect water sources and the watershed.

Q. What water resources are available in Spencer and how are they being used?

A. Ms. McLaughlin said there are a lot of lakes, wetlands, and rivers.

Q. What is the overall water budget in Spencer?

A. Ms. McLaughlin said the Commission doesn't know that. Steve Tyler would know that.

Q. Are there any gray or green infrastructures in Spencer?

A. Ms. McLaughlin said the Commission is trying to back Common Ground Land Trust and acquire the Adgalanis Farm land to become preserved as open space.

Q. Do you have any major concerns about protecting the watershed?

A. Ms. Washburn said they try to limit the amount of impervious surfaces that get built. Instead of using asphalt for driveways, they will use pervious pavers that allow water to infiltrate the soil. The Commission also tries to get people to recharge roof runoff. When people cut trees, they are asked to replant native species. Ms. Washburn said they try to recharge stormwater runoff by installing deep sump catch basins. She said the Department of Conservation and Recreation is doing soil remediation at Camp Marshall rifle ranges.

Q. What are some of the negative effects that would impact the town?

A. Ms. Washburn said there is a lot of contaminated ground water in every town due to early industrial practices. Machine shops were notorious for dumping waste oil back in

the day. Ms. Washburn said the lakes have tons of phosphorus in them now. Ms. McLaughlin said some lakes have become very swampy. Ms. Washburn and Ms. McLaughlin told the students about the fish kill on Sugden Reservoir last July.

Minutes Approved:

February 21, 2018 – *A motion to approve the minutes as amended (Emerson/Bouley) passed 5/0.*

March 14, 2018 – *A motion to approve the minutes as amended (Olivo/Emerson) passed 5/0.*

7:15 p.m. Opened the Continuation of Public Hearing for Notice of Intent for ForeFront Power, LLC

Property: 36 Cranberry Meadow Road, Spencer, MA DEP#293-0919

At the request of the applicant, the hearing has been continued to May 9, 2018.

7:18 p.m. Opened the Continuation of Public Hearing for Notice of Intent for Scott Richardson

Property: 72 Donnelly Road, Spencer, MA DEP#293-0917

At the request of the applicant, the hearing has been continued to April 11, 2018.

7:20 p.m. Opened the Continuation of Public Meeting for Request for Determination of Applicability for Alan Nash

Property: 30 GH Wilson Road, Spencer, MA

At the request of the applicant, the meeting has been continued to April 11, 2018.

7:22 p.m. Opened the Continuation of Public Hearing for Notice of Intent for MA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation

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

At the request of the applicant, the hearing has been continued to April 11, 2018.

7:24 p.m. Opened the Continuation of Public Hearing for Notice of Intent for Eric Brown

Property: 26 Point Eastalee Drive, Spencer, MA DEP#293-0921

At the request of the applicant, the hearing has been continued to April 11, 2018.

7:25 p.m. Opened the Continuation of Public Meeting for Request for Determination of Applicability for Gerald Cestaro

Property: 20 Laurel Lane, Spencer, MA

At the request of the applicant, the meeting has been continued to April 11, 2018.

7:26 p.m. Opened the Continuation of Public Hearing for Notice of Intent for Gerald Cestaro

Property: 18 Laurel Lane, Spencer, MA DEP#293-

At the request of the applicant, the meeting has been continued to April 11, 2018.

7:27 p.m. Opened the Public Meeting for Request for Determination of Applicability for Pamela Price

Property: 65 Oakland Drive, Spencer, MA

Ms. Washburn said she inspected today. Pam Price said there are three extremely large pine trees between her house and the water. She would like to prune two of the trees and remove one tree with the stump remaining. The pine tree she wants to remove is near the dock and affecting the retaining wall. She will hire a professional. All the work will be done by hand. The Commission told Ms. Price as a special condition she must plant one tree and inform the Commission of the species and the location before planting.

A motion to close the public meeting (Bouley/Emerson) passed 5/0.

A motion for a Negative Determination with the special condition as stated above (Olivo/Bouley) passed 5/0.

7:36 p.m. Opened the Public Meeting for Request for Determination of Applicability for Michele Byrnes

Property: 99 Maple Street, Spencer, MA

Patrick Shorten presented the project. A 14x32-foot addition will be constructed to the rear of the house. The septic system needs to be repaired as well. Mark Farrell, from Greenhill Engineering, will be doing the repair but the plan has not been submitted to the Board of Health yet. Ms. Washburn said revised plans need to be submitted seven days prior to a meeting. Sediment controls will be installed. At the request of the applicant, the hearing has been continued to April 11, 2018.

Other Business:

Thompson Pond herbiciding extension request: Ms. Washburn said if Dominic Meringolo, from Solitude Lake Management, wants an extension he needs to submit the information including the Bathymetric survey map. The Order of Conditions states that a bathymetry map was to be submitted and has not been submitted yet. The Commission is requiring that the write up and bathymetry map be submitted before a request for an Extension is submitted.

Laurel Lane: Ms. Washburn said a special permit was issued for construction of a garage. They have started clearing the land but no building permit has been issued yet. When they fill out the stormwater checklist then they will know if a stormwater permit needs to be issued. Ms. Washburn said she will speak to Paul Dell'Aquila, Town Planner, about the stormwater permit because site work has begun.

Site Inspections: The Commission will be doing site inspections on April 3rd at 2:45, April 4th at 2:45, and April 10th at 10 and 2:45.

New Applications: East Main Street, NOI
 17 GH Wilson Road, NOI
 31 Point Eastalee Drive, RDA
 66 Chickering Road, RDA

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. (Olivo/Bouley) passed 5/0.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lisa Daoust, Senior Clerk
Development & Inspectional Services

Documents reviewed at the 3/28/18 Spencer Conservation Commission meeting:

Agenda for the 3/28/18 meeting
Margaret's report dated 3/28/18
Minutes from 2/21/18 (approved as amended)
Minutes from 3/14/18 (approved as amended)
Continuance form for 36 Cranberry Meadow Road (signed)
Continuance form for 72 Donnelly Road (signed)
Continuance form for 30 GH Wilson Road (signed)
Continuance form for 92 McCormick Road (signed)
Continuance form for 26 Point Eastalee (signed)
Continuance form for 20 Laurel Lane (signed)
Continuance form for 18 Laurel Lane (signed)
RDA file for 99 Maple Street
Continuance form for 99 Maple Street (signed)
RDA file for 65 Oakland Drive, including Negative Determination (signed)