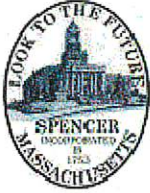


Conservation Commission – Town of Spencer

Minutes



Conservation Commission Meeting
Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 6:15 p.m.
Town Hall, McCourt Social Hall

If remote, please join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<http://meet.goto.com/spencerODIS/conservation>

IN-PERSON AND REMOTE MEETING

IN ORDER TO CALL IN, PLEASE CALL: 1-571-317-3122 AND USE ACCESS
CODE: 454-205-589

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SPEAKING!**

1. The Meeting was opened at 6:15 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Charlie Bellemer (remote), Margaret Emerson, Mary McLaughlin, Dennis Shiver & Warren Snow (remote)

Commissioners Absent: Shannon Housh

Staff present: Lauren Vivier, Jane Green (remote)

2. Sign: Duplicate signature – Lot 3 Valley View Drive: CofC

3. Public Hearings/Meetings:

**a. 6:17 p.m. Opened the Public Meeting for the Request for Determination of
Applicability for Walter Marhefka**

Property: 76 Thompson Pond Road, Spencer, MA

The applicant wanted to continue to the next meeting.

At the request of the applicant, the hearing has been continued to January 24, 2024

b. 6:18 p.m. Opened the Public Hearing for the Notice of Intent for Robert Lowell Property: 92 McCormick Road, Spencer, MA no DEP# issued

The DEP number has not been issued yet. Due to the winter policy (which prevents a thorough review due to snow coverage), the Commission did not go out for a site visit.

At the request of the applicant, the hearing has been continued to January 24, 2024

4. Other Business:

a. 53 Highland- Request for CofC-

Due to the snow coverage, the Commission did not go out on a site visit. This will be continued to the next agenda.

b. 16 Stiles Avenue -Request for CofC-

Due to the snow coverage, the Commission did not go out on a site visit. This will be continued to the next agenda.

c. 12 Point Eastalee – Ext to OofC-

Ms. Vivier said that the applicant requested a 2–3 year extension to the project. This was for home improvements and landscaping work.

A motion to extend the Order of Conditions for 12 Point Eastalee for three years (Emerson/Shiver) 5/0 passed.

All in favor: Shiver-yes, Emerson-yes, Snow-yes, Bellemer-yes McLaughlin-yes

d. Lake Whittemore – Ext to OofC-

Ms. Vivier said that this is for the drawdown and vegetative treatment.

A motion to extend the Order of Conditions for Lake Whittemore's drawdown and treatment (Emerson/Shiver) 5/0 passed.

All in favor: Shiver-yes, Emerson-yes, Snow-yes, Bellemer-yes McLaughlin-yes

e. Hastings Road (R48-17 & 18-4) Ext ORAD-

Ms. Vivier said that the property is owned by Bond Construction. Glenn Krevosky is working with Karen Hubacz to connect the two operations.

A motion for the extension for the ORAD on Hastings Road (Emerson/Shiver) 5/0 passed.

All in favor: Shiver-yes, Emerson-yes, Snow-yes, Bellemer-yes McLaughlin-yes

5. Agent's Update:

- **Violations & Complaints:**

- a. 17 Shore Drive – Ms. Vivier said that a fine was sent. The silt fence was not installed correctly. Ms. Vivier would like the owner to reinstall the silt fence. There is a large amount of run-off, therefore she requested that a gravel bed be installed near the end of the driveway.

- **Other discussion items:**

- a. Energy Storage Workshop- Ms. Vivier checked with the Commission to see if anyone would like to go.
- b. Kingsbury Road – Mr. Snow wanted to know if the debris in the resource area was cleaned up by the town. Ms. Vivier said she would like to take a drive by to see if it was done.
- c. Mid-State Trail – Mr. Bellemer wanted to know if the Mid-State trail folks contacted ODIS about their plans to move the trail. Ms. Vivier said that the office was not notified. Ms. Vivier said that she would like to see the proposed area before we make any decisions.
- d. Washburn Drive – Ms. Vivier said that she doesn't want this to turn into a legal issue for the Commission. This is a civil matter. She wanted to caution everyone on what they say moving forward. There isn't a current NOI, therefore there is nothing that the Commission can do.
- e. Stormwater Policy – Ms. Vivier has been working with Peter Boria, U&F Superintendent, to update the Stormwater policy.
- f. Records Retention – There was a discussion of records retention. Mr. Snow said that we need to document what we have to keep, what we want to keep and how long records should be kept. Ms. Vivier said that we have Municipal Records Retention for the town hall.

6. Citizen Input:

- a. Members of the public attended the meeting for 21 Jolicoeur Ave. Ms. Vivier told the residents that the abutter notification had the wrong date on the NOI.

7. Minutes: 12/13/23:

*A motion to approve the minutes as amended (Emerson/Shiver) 5/0 passed
All in favor: Shiver-yes, Emerson-yes, Snow-yes, Bellemer-yes McLaughlin-yes*

8. New Applications:

- a. 21 Jolicoeur Avenue - NOI

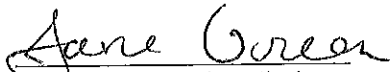
9. Continuances:

- a. 10 Meadow Road- waiting on DEP Commissioner variance.
- b. U24-17 Meadow Road – waiting on DEP Commissioner variance.

10. Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. (Shiver/Emerson) passed 5/0.

Respectfully submitted by:



Jane Green, Senior Clerk
Development & Inspectional Services

Documents reviewed at 1/10/24 Conservation Commission Meeting

Agenda 1/10/24

Minutes 12/13/23

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92 McCormick Road – Continuance

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Lake Whittemore – Ext. to Order of Conditions

Hastings Road (R48-17 & 18-4) Ext. ORAD