

Conservation Commission – Town of Spencer

Minutes



Conservation Commission Meeting
Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 6:15 PM
Town Hall, McCourt Social Hall

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

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

Commissioners Absent:

Staff present: Lauren Trifone, Jane Green

Staff absent:

2. Public Hearing/Meetings

a.6:15 p.m. Opened the Public Hearing for Notice of Intent for William Gribbons Property: 79 Wilson Ave, Spencer, MA no DEP# issued yet

Jason Dubois, from DC Engineering & Survey Inc., discussed the proposed septic system. The retaining wall is in bad shape. The applicant is concerned about the water rising in the lake before he is able to make repairs. Ms. Trifone showed the Commission photos she took from the inspection. The current condition is a safety concern. She recommends an Emergency Order to fix the wall. There was a discussion on when the water was lowered in the dam. Mr. Gribbons had been in touch with the Water Commission. He has to let them know what ConCom decides.

*A motion to issue an Emergency Order for the retaining wall (Perry/Snow) 5/0 passed.
All in favor: Perry-Aye, Bellemer-Aye, Snow-Aye, Emerson-Aye, McLaughlin-Aye*

At the request of the applicant, the hearing has been continued to March 9, 2022.

b. 6:31 p.m. Opened the Public Meeting for the Request for Determination of Applicability for Raymond Leo & Susan McNulty

Property: 71 Lakeshore Drive, Spencer, MA

The representative, Richard Chaffee, discussed the proposed Presby septic system and tree removal. Three trees need to be completely removed. The stumps can remain for the other six trees. Ms. Trifone discussed her observations of the trees to be removed. The shed will be removed as well. The plans do not show some of the trees that need to come down. The Commission would like the plans to show the correct location and number of trees to come down. There was a discussion of where the trees need to be planted. The Commission agreed to the request.

A motion to close the public meeting (Perry/Bellemer) 5/0 passed.

All in favor: Perry-Aye, Bellemer-Aye, Snow-Aye, Emerson-Aye, McLaughlin-Aye

A motion to approve the RDA (Bellemer/Perry) 5/0 passed.

3. Other Business:

4. Agent's Update:

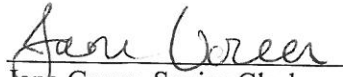
- a. 48 Paxton Road – There was a complaint from a resident that their property had flooding in their backyard due to the Solar Farm. Ms. Emerson said that there have always been problems in that area and they believe the culvert is the wrong size. Mr. Bellemer said the drainpipe is too small. Ms. Trifone is going to reach out to the solar company to work on rectifying the problem.

5. Minutes: *A motion to approve the 2/9/22 minutes as amended (Perry/Bellemer) 5/0 passed.*

6. New Applications: U15-53 Roy's Drive – NOI
Thompson Pond – Ext. OofC

7. A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. (Bellemer/Perry) passed 5/0.

Respectfully submitted by:



Jane Green, Senior Clerk
Development & Inspectional Services

Documents reviewed at the 2/23/22 Conservation Commission Meeting

Agenda 2/23/22

Minutes 2/9/22

Emergency Order – 79 Wilson Avenue

Continuance form – 79 Wilson Avenue

DOA – 71 Lakeshore Drive

48 Paxton Road - Photos