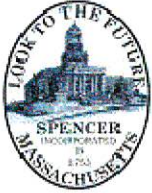


# Conservation Commission – Town of Spencer

## *Minutes*



Conservation Commission Meeting  
Wednesday, May 11, 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 & Warren Snow

Commissioners Absent: Mary McLaughlin & Robert Perry

Staff present: Lauren Trifone, Jane Green

### **2. Public Meeting**

#### **a. 6:16 p.m. Continued the Public Meeting for Request for Determination of Applicability for Richard Gaffney**

##### **Property: 21 Sherman Grove, Spencer, MA**

Richard Gaffney has a tree down by the water that is dead. Ms. Trifone showed pictures of the tree to the Commission. Mr. Gaffney said that it is going to have to be climbed and cut down because the septic system is close to it. Mr. Snow read the inspection report. The Commission will require a replacement planting from the approved plant list.

*A motion to close the public meeting (Bellemer/Emerson) passed 3/0.  
All in favor: Emerson-Aye, Bellemer-Aye, Snow-Aye.*

*A motion for a negative determination (Emerson/Bellemer) passed 3/0.  
All in favor: Emerson-Aye, Bellemer-Aye, Snow-Aye.*

**b. 6:22 p.m. Opened the Public Meeting for the Request for Determination of Applicability for Jennifer & Jeffrey Anderson**

**Property: 35 Oakland Drive, Spencer, MA**

Glenn Krevosky, of EBT Environmental Consultants, Inc. discussed the plan to dismantle the wall and rebuild it. The current block is deteriorating, and they propose to use a better material for the wall. Ms. Trifone showed pictures of the wall. Mr. Snow read the inspection report.

*A motion to close the public meeting (Emerson/Bellemer) passed 3/0.*

*All in favor: Emerson-Aye, Bellemer-Aye, Snow-Aye.*

*A motion for a negative determination (Bellemer/Emerson) passed 3/0.*

*All in favor: Emerson-Aye, Bellemer-Aye, Snow-Aye.*

**c. 6:27 p.m. Continued the Public Hearing for the Notice of Intent for Gordon Letour**

**Property: 10 Meadow Road, Spencer, MA DEP#293-1007**

*At the request of the applicant, the hearing has been continued to June 8, 2022.*

**d. 6:29 p.m. Opened the Public Hearing for the Notice of Intent for Town of Spencer**  
**Property: Browning Pond Road, Spencer, MA DEP#293-1035**

Terry Smith, from the Office of Fishing & Boating, discussed the agreement with the Town of Spencer for the existing boat access on Browning Pond. They did some survey work to find the road layout. The plans are for site line improvements along the road with a swale. The DPW had a lot of issues with ice that ran off the north slope onto the road. They did some wetland delineation and staked out the road layout and located all the boundaries. They plan to resurface the parking area. Mr. Smith discussed the overlay plan. The wetlands are defined on the plans. Mr. Snow wanted to know if there were full size plans. They did not submit full size plans. They provided legal size plans.

William Cundiff, Superintendent of U&F, discussed the significant amounts of sediment and run-off from the parking area. The water flows down the road, over the parking area, and erodes the boat ramp. U&F get a lot of complaints about this area. This is going to improve the water quality. The swale will act as a BMP. The surface will be stabilized once the area is paved. The other added benefits will be sight improvement. They plan to remove a number of trees which will allow the sun to hit the pavement and reduce icing. Tree removal was approved by the tree warden on April 11, 2022. Mr. Smith said the sight lines are important because people drive fast on that road.

Mr. Smith said that they propose an off-street parking area. Mr. Snow read the inspection report.

*A motion to close the public hearing (Bellemer/Emerson) passed 3/0.*

*All in favor: Emerson-Aye, Bellemer-Aye, Snow-Aye.*

*A motion to approve the Order of Conditions (Bellemer/Emerson) passed 3/0.*

*All in favor: Emerson-Aye, Bellemer-Aye, Snow-Aye.*

**e. 6:45 p.m. Continued the Public Hearing for the Notice of Intent for Steven Turner Property: Meadow Road, Spencer, MA SW PERMIT DEP#293-1036**

Carl Hultgren, from Quinn Engineering, wanted to update the Commission. They are waiting on the signatures for Peer Review. They received the DEP number. There are two Orders of Conditions for the property. The DEP suggested merging them into one for the entire property. They would still reference the three separate plans in the final OofC. The Commission said it sounded confusing. Ms. Trifone said she could reach out to the Switchboard Director and DEP on how to advise us on the process. The Commission would have to look at the two other projects and see where they are at. Mr. Hultgren said in order to consolidate them into one order, the orders would have to be closed out. Mr. Hultgren said that if it was going to make things harder, than we should leave them the way they are. Mr. Bellemer wanted to see an image of the work that is to be completed. Mr. Hultgren discussed the plans.

*At the request of the applicant, the hearing has been continued to May 25, 2022.*

**3. Other Business:**

**a. R-25 44-1 Greenville Street – Release EO**

Someone is interested in purchasing the property, but there is an Enforcement Order on the deed. There is confusion on where the property lines are located. The office was told it was on the corner of Kingsbury and Greenville. Ms. Trifone thinks one of the neighbors are encroaching on the property she looked at.

**b. Ash Street – Continued to 5/25/22**

**4. Agent's Update:**

**a. 107 Smithville Road** – They did not file so Ms. Trifone will send out a warning letter.

**b. 41 Kingsbury**-Ms. Trifone said it looked like they were clearing brush.

**c. Town Meeting**- The meeting was postponed to June 23, 2022, because they did not have quorum.

**5. New Applications:** 1 Clark Road - RDA

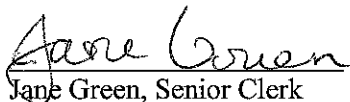
**6. Minutes:** 4/13/22 & 4/27/22

*A motion to approve the 4/13/22 minutes as amended (Bellemer/Emerson) 3/0 passed.  
A motion to approve the 4/27/22 minutes as amended (Emerson/Bellemer) 3/0 passed.*

**7. Adjournment**

*A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. (Emerson/Bellemer) passed 3/0.  
All in favor: Emerson-Aye, Bellemer-Aye, Snow-Aye.*

Respectfully submitted by:



Jane Green, Senior Clerk  
Development & Inspectional Services

**Documents Reviewed at the May 11, 2022 Conservation Commission Meeting**

Agenda 5/11/22

Minutes 4/13/22 & 4/27/22

21 Sherman Grove – DOA

35 Oakland Drive – DOA

10 Meadow Road – Continuance form

Browning Pond Road – Order of Conditions

Meadow Road – Continuance forms