

Conservation Commission – Town of Spencer

Minutes



Conservation Commission Meeting
Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 6:15 PM
Town Hall, McCourt Social Hall

1. The Meeting was opened at 6:15 p.m.
2. Sign: There were no items to be signed.

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

Commissioners Absent:

Staff present: Lauren Trifone,
Staff absent: Jane Green

3. Public Hearings/Meeting

a. 6:15 p.m. Opened the Public Meeting for the Request for Determination of Applicability for Seth Cook

Property: 1 Clark Road, Spencer, MA

Mr. Cook explained the proposed work. They are going to remove the existing driveway and re-install a new asphalt driveway on the same footprint. Wattles will be used.

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

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

A motion to approve the Determination (Emerson/Bellemer) 5/0 passed.

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

b. 6:22 p.m. Continued the Public Hearing for the Notice of Intent for Colin Derhammer

Property: R27-1 Ash Street, Spencer, MA DEP#293-1037

Ms. Trifone received notification from the applicant to continue. They received Peer Review proposals for Conservation and Planning Board. A resident, Robert Phaneuf, asked why there was not a notice on the website about it being continued. Frank White, the Sewer Commissioner, talked about the land and when Mr. Westerman owned the property how he proposed to put up thirty-five homes. The Engineer and the Conservation Agent at the time said there was a lot of rock and ledge. To clear that area, they would

have to blast it. Mr. White said that if that was allowed, he believes a lot of people in that area will have all kinds of water issues on their property. Ms. Trifone said that right now, the plan is for a Sub-division with no structures on it. This is going to Peer Review with a third-party reviewer.

At the request from the applicant, the hearing has been continued to June 22, 2022.

c. 6:34 p.m. Continued the Public Hearing for the Notice of Intent for Steven Turner Property: Meadow Road, Spencer, MA SW PERMIT DEP#293-1036

Ms. Trifone received a request from the applicant to continue. They received the proposal for Peer Review.

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

4. Other Business:

- a. Stiles Reservoir – Request for Ext. Order of Conditions. Amanda Mahaney, from Solitude Lake management, said they are looking to continue the vegetative water management.

*A motion to approve the extension for Stiles Reservoir (Emerson/Perry) 5/0 passed.
All in favor: Emerson-Aye, Bellemer-Aye, Perry-Aye, Snow-Aye, McLaughlin-Aye*

5. Agent's Update:

- a. Open/new violations – Ms. Trifone said that 107 Smithville Road has not submitted their application. She is going to have to fine them. They removed trees in the wetlands. They were given an application for an RDA to fill out in April.
- b. 8 Briarcliff – Stairs put in, removed. The new owners put the stairs back in. Ms. Trifone let them know they need to remove them.
- c. Valley Street – National Grid replaced old steel gas line. While they were digging, there was a gasoline smell. Tighe and Bond are running tests to see if it is contaminated. The stockpile is contained.
- d. 28 South Spencer Road – There was an Enforcement Order from last year. They did a Restoration plan. They are ready to close out the order.
- e. R 25 44-1 Greenville – Ms. Trifone went to the site and did not see any issues.

- f. 269 Main Street – Planning Board approved the lot to be divided. There is a Conservation restriction on the property. Ms. Trifone is concerned that they are going to sell the property, which is non-buildable.
- g. Expired – Order of Conditions: send letters to property owners. We have received feedback from the residents to get CofC.
- h. Tree Removal – drafting a Tree Removal Policy.
- i. Ms. Trifone is working on an amendment to the Solar portion of the Zoning Bylaw.
- j. Ms. Trifone joined the “Forest Cutting Lunch & Learn.” They are free and have useful information.
- k. The Housing Production Plan Survey is out. Ms. Trifone will be setting up a table at the Town Meeting. She encourages everyone to fill them out.
- l. The Town Meeting will be June 23, 2022.

6. Minutes: Minutes – Table to June 8, 2022

7. New Applications for next meeting:

- a. 42 Bacon Hill Road – RDA – gravel down on old road.
- b. 10 Meadow – Continuing
- c. 47 Cranberry Meadow Road – deck, patio.

8. Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. (Perry/Bellemer) passed 5/0.

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

Respectfully submitted by:


Jane Green, Senior Clerk

Development & Inspectional Services

Documents reviewed at 5/25/22 Conservation Commission Meeting

AGENDA – 5/25/22

DOA – 1 CLARK ROAD

CONTINUANCE – R27-1 ASH STREET

CONTINUANCE – MEADOW ROAD

EXTENSION OF ORDER OF CONDITIONS – STILES RESERVOIR