

**Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of April 12, 2017

Members present: Steve Parretti, Chair; John Marc Aurele, Joshua Soojian,  
Jim Cooper arriving at 6:40PM, JoAnn Schold

Members not present:

Meeting called to order at 6:35PM

**Certificate of Compliance**

397 Mulberry Street

Mr. Glenn Krevosky of EBT Environmental Consultant in attendance.

This was for construction of a replication area to construct a driveway over the wetlands to gain access to the house. A letter attached from Coyle Engineering certifying the work and that it was completed in substantial compliance with the designed plan. The As Built Plans were also submitted with the request.

Hearing no further discussion, Mr. Parretti asked for a motion.

MOTION: Mr. Marc Aurele moved to approve the Certificate of Compliance for 397 Mulberry Street

SECONDED: Ms. Schold – Discussion: None – VOTE: All in Favor

**Notice of Intent**

1136 Main Street Leicester Public CONT (Leicester library renovations/addition)

Mr. Christopher Garcia of Garcia, Galuska, DeSousa, Inc in attendance.

This was continued in order for the applicant to get the Planning Board and Zoning Board approvals. There were no major changes made to the plan.

The Towns' Engineer, Kevin Quinn, reviewed Stormwater Management and recommended they redevelop the infiltration rate in accordance with MassDEP.

Police & Fire also reviewed the plans and gave approval.

The wetlands are located off-site and all work will be within the Buffer Zone located in a portion of the rear parking area.

Hearing no further discussion, Mr. Parretti asked for a motion.

MOTION: Mr. Marc Aurele moved to approve the NOI for 1136 Main Street, Leicester Public Library renovation/addition project with the following conditions, notification to office required for pre-construction site meeting; notification to office contractor's contact information; and approval contingent upon receiving a copy of revised approved plans.

SECONDED: Ms. Schold – Discussion: None – VOTE: All in Favor

**Emergency Certificate**

Cherry Valley Rochdale Water District

Work request to be allowed is located on the east side of the Kettle Brook, excavating to a depth of 10-12 feet to repair the District's 8" water main. - Approved and Signed.

## **Permit Extension Request**

### Marlboro Drive (DEP#197-0571)

Mr. Glenn Krevosky of EBT Environmental Consultant & Steve Petro, property owner in attendance.

The applicant is requesting a 3-year extension on the Order of Conditions for property located on Marlboro Drive to give more time marketing the property. There have been no change in plans and no work has started.

MOTION: Mr. Marc Aurele moved to approve an extension for 3-years to April 16, 2020 to Stephen Petro for property located at Marlboro Drive, Cherry Valley, DEP#197-0571

SECONDED: Ms. Schold – Discussion: None – VOTE: All in Favor

### 90 & 92 Huntoon Highway (DEP#197-0525)

Mr. Scott Morrison of EcoTec Environmental Consultant in attendance.

The applicant is requesting a 3-year extension on the Order of Conditions for property located at 90 & 92 Huntoon Highway. With economic conditions now improving, the owner wants to get this project moving and needs more time. Mr. Morrison noted the owners having a new address and company name change. There were change in the plans or the design of the building .

MOTION: Mr. Marc Aurele moved to approve an extension of 3-years to June 20, 2020 to Robert Sigel, ASR Realty Co., LLC for property located at 90 & 92 Huntoon Highway, Leicester, DEP#197-0525.

SECONDED: Ms. Schold – Discussion: Ms. Schold asked to document the name change from Robert Sigel, RDJ Realty to Robert Sigel, ASR Realty Co., LLC. – VOTE: All in Favor

## **Board Discussion**

### 6 Sandy Circle (Peter Mouchard, installation of pool)

Mr. Peter Mouchard, property owner in attendance.

Plans reviewed for the installation of an 18 x 32 in-ground pool within the 100-foot buffer. The Commission recommended to file a Request for Determination of Applicability on the proposed work.

### Conservation Staff Funding – (FY18 Budget)

A letter received from Kevin Mizikar, Town Administrator regarding the FY18 Budget and supporting the use of \$3882.00 from the Town's Wetland Protection Act revolving fund account to cover the portion of the Conservation Agent's annual salary.

MOTION: Mr. Marc Aurele moved to approve the request the transfer of \$3882.00 from the Town's Wetland Protection Act revolving fund account to cover a portion of the FY18 annual salary budget.

SECONDED: Ms. Schold – Discussion: None – VOTE: All in Favor

### Complaint - Clark Street

The complaint was regarding removal of trees, over a year ago, from the Clark Street lot in an area deemed as a wetland, and caused flooding to neighboring lots. The Commission addressed the issue of the work that was done last year and there has been no further work conducted in that area. A site visit conducted determined, due to recent heavy rains, was the cause of the flooding.

### Miscellaneous Projects/Site Inspection updates

- 207 Main Street

A site visit conducted determined the site was stable and in compliance with Erosion Control requirements.

- LaFlash Boutilier Solar

Mr. Ernest Mello of ZPT Energy in attendance.

ZPT was considering additional tree clearing on the site of an additional 2 acres, due to shading of the solar panels. They will cut trees over a foot in diameter and try to leave a 5-foot buffer. After further review of the plan, the Commissioners did not consider this a minor change and agreed it was major site plan change. The Commission agreed a site visit was necessary. This proposal will clear the entire 25-foot No Disturb. It was recommended an amendment request be submitted, but noted a new NOI application may be required due to the amount of disturbance proposed.

- Bottomly Ave (beaver concern/yard flooding)

A site visit was conducted and acknowledges there was an issue, but not a Conservation issue. It was found there was no easy way to get to the beaver dam and the homeowner was advised to apply for a permit to have the beavers trapped and removed.

- 63 Fairview Drive NOI

Appeal filed with DEP. Waiting on comment from DEP.

- Brick City Mill Pond Dam

Notice received stating DCR issued a Certificate of Non-compliance and Dam Safety Order to the Brick City Mill Pond Dam located at 81 Chapel Street, Cherry Valley; owner, Davis Thach

- Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP)

The Draft Priority Habitat Map has been made available for public comment beginning April 3, 2017 and will end on June 3, 2017.

- Sargent Pond Permit Extension Request

An inquiry was sent to DEP regarding how often a permit should be extended. Sargent Pond Association was requesting an extension to their 11-year old permit, for another 3-years. DEP recommended they file a new NOI, due to the length of time from approval and condition changes in treating ponds.

Hearing no further questions, comments or concerns, Mr. Parretti asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Mr. Marc Aurele moved to adjourn meeting

SECONDED: Ms. Schold – Discussion: None – VOTE: All in Favor

Meeting adjourned at 7:20PM

Respectfully submitted:

*Barbara Knox*

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