

**Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of May 17, 2017

Members present: John Marc Aurele, Joshua Soojian, Jim Cooper,

Members absent: Steve Parretti, JoAnn Schold

Meeting called to order at 6:31PM

Certificate of Compliance

3 Hemlock Street (DEP#197-0550)

Postponed

Determination of Applicability

6 Sandy Circle-installation of pool

Peter Hochard in attendance.

Mr. Marc Aurele read the Notice into the record and then opened discussion to the applicant.

Mr. Hochard was requesting to install a 18 x 32 In-ground Pool with a patio and fence to be located in back yard. There is a stilt fence already in place on the property.

Hearing no further comments from the Board or Public, Mr. Marc Aurele asked for a motion.

MOTION: Mr. Soojian moved recommend a Negative Determination #3 "The work described in the Request is within the Buffer Zone, as defined in the regulations, but will not alter an Area subject to protection under the Act. Therefore, said work does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent, subject to the following conditions: install erosion control prior to the start of work and keep maintained until grading is stabilized.

SECONDED: Mr. Cooper – Discussion: None – VOTE: All in Favor

Wildwood Lane-relocate shed

Put on wrong agenda

Notice of Intent

Stiles Reservoir-Aquatic Plan Management Program

Mr. Marc Aurele read the Notice into the record and then opened discussion to the applicant.

Ms. Amanda Mahaney of Solitude Lake Management in attendance

The Stiles Lake Water District would like to initiate an aquatic plant management program through the use of US DEP/MA DAR registered herbicides and algacides to manage non-native and nuisance vegetation. They propose to treat up to, but not completely directed out as part of the 50-acres of variable watermilfoil.

DEP has not issued a number. An application is considered not complete without a DEP number. The hearing will be continued to June 14th.

Amend Order of Conditions

LaFlash Boutilier Solar Project –ZPT Energy Solutions

Mr. Marc Aurele read the Notice into the record and then opened discussion to the applicant.

Mr. Ernie Mello of ZPT Energy Solutions in attendance.

They are requesting to perform trimming and select cutting of trees within the “No Disturb Zone” of approximately an additional 2-2 ½ acres. This is to increase the efficiency of the array and will include cutting of all trees larger than 15 feet to the stump and all evergreen species within the areas. Trees will cut to grade and stumps will remain. All trees smaller than 15-feet will cut to a height of 5-feet.

Mr. Mello was asked if it was taken into consideration the trees located outside the 25-foot being 15-feet or greater in height.

Mr. Mello explained according to their software program, their new calculations will be a benefit to them to cut what they can within the wetlands anything over 15-feet.

Mr. Edward Hill, 746 Stafford Street had concern losing the buffer from his property.

He did not want to see the project get closer to his house.

DEP was contacted for comment regarding extensive cutting within a No Disturb Zone and they felt with work this extensive, recommended a new NOI be filed.

Mr. Marc Aurele agreed with DEPs comment and explained proposing an additional 2 ½ acres would be 100% of the No Disturb Zone around the wetland area.

With that said, he would entertain a motion to deny the amendment.

MOTION: Mr. Soojian moved to Deny the Amendment to the Order of Conditions for LaFlash Boutilier Solar Project – ZPT Energy Solutions.

SECONDED: Mr. Cooper – Discussion: Mr. Marc Aurele noted if the applicant wanted to pursue they could do so by filing a Notice of Intent. VOTE: All in Favor

Approval of Minutes

- 3/12/2017
- 4/12/2017

Tabled to next meeting.

Board Discussion

- 63 Fairview Drive DEP appeal update

Site visit done with DEP on May 5th and currently still under reviewed.

- Snowmobile Club violation update

Snowmobile Club working with Mass Wildlife finishing up the planting required.

- Right of first refusal – 61A, 11 Green Street

Commission has no objection should the Town elect not to exercise first right of refusal in buying the land.

Miscellaneous Projects, Site Inspections & Project Reports & Updates

- 298 Clark Street complaint – send Mr. Marc Aurele copy of plans on file for site visit
- Rawson Street Bridge update – filed for 401 Water Quality Certification and it was determined the project will not violate applicable water quality standards.
- Notification received from National Grid & CSX regarding Yearly Maintenance Programs starting
- Stafford Street DEP#197-0541, Worcester Airport & Stiles Reservoir wetland reports received/reviewed
- Highway Department sent an update of the road paving schedule for 2017
- Received Forest Cutting Plan as being finished at Route 56/Paxton Street from DCR

MOTION: Mr. Soojian moved to adjourn meeting

SECONDED: Mr. Cooper – Discussion: None – VOTE: All in Favor

Meeting adjourned at 7:00PM

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Knox

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