

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Minutes of August 12, 2015

Members present: Stephen Parretti, Chairman; Joshua Soojian, James Cooper

Members absent: JoAnn Schold, John Marc-Aurele

Meeting called to order at 6:35PM

Board Discussion:

Furniture Now (forest cutting)-104 Huntoon Memorial Highway-

Mr. Scott Wallace presented a copy of his lot and showed where the tree cutting would take place. He wants to cut about ¼ acre around the current building and put up a 7500-square foot unattached structure.

After discussion, the Commission advised Mr. Wallace to keep away from the 100-foot buffer and the 25-foot No Disturb Zone. Also to file a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) on the placement of the new building and including associated work for the September 16th meeting.

Camp Wind in the Pines (additional beach sand)

No Show-(second time)

63 Fairview Drive (update)

A site visit was done on August 5th and revealed no evidence of trees being taken down or any excavating had taken place for a garage.

The owner of the property agreed to file a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) for approval to remove some deteriorated trees from the property for the September 16th meeting.

Rochdale Pond & Dam (Ray Shea)- Update-

The office received a call from an environmental consultant, working for the residents living around Rochdale Pond, regarding the complaints & problems with the lower water levels at Rochdale Pond, done by Mr. Shea. The consultant asked for Conservation's help in getting a response from Mr. Shea and he was advised to contact DEP.

51 Lake Ave (new roof)

Roof replacement does not require the filing of an RDA.

Draft Wetland Regulation Fees

Draft copies of the regulation fees were included with the Commission's Meeting packet. Discussion was tabled for till next meeting.

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6/10/2015

MOTION: Mr. Soojian moved to approve the minutes of June 10, 2015

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

Mr. Parretti relinquished being Chairman to Mr. Cooper for this agenda item.

7/22/2015

MOTION: Mr. Parretti moved to approve the minutes of July 22, 2015

SECONDED: Mr. Soojian – Discussion: None

VOTE: 2- In Favor / 1 – Abstained (Mr. Cooper)

Mr. Parretti resumed as Chairman.

New Business:

Miscellaneous Project updates

The Commission was asked for any comments or concerns regarding the recent work done on the retaining wall adjacent to the wetlands at the Pondview Estates Development.

(pictures submitted) The repair work was not done correctly and took place over the culvert. The Commission agreed that if Quinn Engineering felt the repair work was acceptable, they would go along with that.

- RDA request will be filed on 52 Lakeview Drive for landscaping and removing boulders from the property.
- 357-359 Main Street, who recently filed an RDA to expand the parking lot, has filed a request with the Planning Board for a Zoning Change on that property, from Residential 2 to Business.
- Certificate of Compliance request has been filed on 124 White Birch Street and is on the September 16th agenda.
- Notice of Intent request has been filed for Cedar Meadow Pond's Annual drawdown and Maintenance Plan and is on the September 16th agenda.
- Maria Greeney Taylor contacted the office regarding her property located at 747 Main Street next to St. Joseph's Church. She asked whether the Commission would be interested in the property as Conservation land. *(31+ acres - parcel 5.1)*

The Commission agreed the Town would not be able to pay the Fair Market Value for the land and recommended contacting the Common Ground Land Trust Group.

Forest Cutting Bylaw #2 defined.

30% of the basal; example---cut every tree off at 4 ½ feet and you look down and on a plant basis, how much of that area is taken up by trees. It's 30% of the basal area. It's a measure of how big the trees are and well stacked the area is.

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

MOTION: Mr. Soojian moved to adjourn

SECONDED: Mr. Cooper – Discussion: None

VOTE: All in Favor

Meeting adjourned at 7:07PM

Respectfully submitted:

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