

**Leicester Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of January 17, 2018

Members present: Steve Parretti, Chair; John Marc Aurele, Jim Cooper

Meeting called to order at 6:30PM

Certificate of Compliance

408 (1) Stafford Street Solar – DEP#197-0578

A letter received from Quinn Engineering indicated that the status of sediment control at Basins 1 & 2, now have been placed. This was observed on a field visit conducted on September 7, 2017.

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

MOTION: Mr. Marc Aurele moved to approve the Certificate of Compliance for 408 (1) Stafford Street Solar Farm, DEP#197-0578.

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

Certificate of Compliance

10 Lake Shore Drive – DEP#197-315

After a site inspection conducted, it was observed that the work was completed under the Order of Conditions DEP#197-315 issued for 10 Lake Shore Drive.

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

MOTION: Mr. Marc Aurele moved to approve the Certificate of Compliance for 10 Lake Shore Drive, DEP#197-315

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

Notice of Intent

Waite Pond Dam CONT (general improvements & repair to dam)

Mr. Parretti read a letter received from Christopher Cullen of Fuss & O'Neill.

They are requesting a continuation of the hearing until the March meeting in order to allow more time to address concerns from the MADEP, MADCR & Sate Division of Fisheries and Wildlife.

MOTION: Mr. Marc Aurele moved to continue the hearing on Waite Pond Dam NOI to Wednesday, March 14, 2018

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

Approval of Minutes

11/15/2017 & 12/13/2017

Tabled

Board discussion

1. 408 (2) Stafford Street Solar - Minor project change

Andrew Vardakis of Amec Foster Wheeler in attendance.

They are requesting a minor project change and also, responding to the Commission's letter of noncompliance. The noncompliance letter was issued due to the Orders not being recorded and required monthly reports not being received.

Mr. Vardakis said the Orders had since been recorded, with a copy sent to the Commission and monthly reports were not sent because the project work had not yet started. Once construction starts, monthly reports will start.

The minor project change request was on the roadway design. The old design went around the first solar array, where there is a steep drop off, which would create a lot of fill and a lot more work.

They are now proposing the roadway go through the existing fence area, where it is flatter, to the proposed array system in back.

Quinn Engineering reviewed this change and did not have an issue with the design.

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

MOTION: Mr. Marc Aurele moved to approve the minor project change as presented

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

2. 101 Huntoon Highway – (bldg. addition)

Steven Balcewicz of BC Engineering & Survey, Inc. in attendance.

He wants to put a 90 x 90 addition onto existing building with the understanding that an NOI application will be required. He asked for the Commission's advice before moving forward filing an application.

His plan outlined the existing pavement, 25-foot No Disturb zone, 100-foot buffer zone and delineated the wetlands.

The addition will be built on existing pavement outside the 25-foot buffer, 2/3 of the building will encroach the 100-foot buffer and the retaining wall will encroach the 25-foot buffer.

Worcester County Welding previously owned this property.

Mr. Parretti questioned replication previously done at this site when the Worcester County Welding owned the property and recommended Mr. Balcewicz review the previous file before filing. As well as demonstrating the need to encroach the 25-foot No Disturb as being critical, or to show the current condition of the area as being already disturbed.

Mr. Balcewicz asked about the review on stormwater and could the storm drains be cleaned and dug out near the building to make up the difference between pre and post development. The addition will make the building 2/3 bigger, but 1/3 will remain impervious. .

The Commissioners recommended referring to the previous file regarding stormwater; check the plan on location of the replication area; and to file with Planning Board before Conservation.

3. KM Kelly-93 Huntoon Hgwy. – replication area

After an inspection conducted by Quinn Engineering and Town Planner, it was discovered that the replication was never constructed and being brought to the Commission's attention.

All agreed to review file at next meeting.

4. 298 Clark Street – update

The property owner informed the Commission the pipe that went under the driveway was cleaned out on the neighbor's side. The dirt on that side had been built up for years and was never cleaned out. He needed to wait until spring to finish the job completely and will keep the Commission informed.

5. Forest Stewardship

Ms. Buck submitted the Grant application to DCR last week and as soon as word is heard back from the State, the forester will be contacted to proceed with the project.

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

MOTION: Mr. Cooper moved to adjourn meeting

SECONDED: Mr. Marc Aurele – Discussion: None – VOTE: All in Favor

Meeting adjourned at 7:20PM

Respectfully submitted,

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