

**Town of Leicester Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT: James Cooper, John Marc-Aurele, Dawn Marttila, JoAnn Schold

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stephan Parretti, Chair

STAFF PRESENT: Michelle Buck, Town Planner and Maureen Schur, Department Assistant

MEETING TIME: 6:35 PM

AGENDA:

1. **Certificate of Compliance-None**
2. **Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA)-None**
3. **Notice of Intent (NOI)**
 - a) Cedar Meadow Lake Watershed District, off 142 Charles St., lake drawdown and dam maintenance (DEP# 197-0653)
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - 9/11/2019
5. **Board Discussion/Miscellaneous**
 - a) Burncoat Pond Watershed District (legislation to add Conservation Commission member)
 - b) 184 River Street (tree cutting near pond)
 - c) 92 Rawson Street (potential work in wetland buffer)
 - d) 93 Huntoon/KM Kelly status update (DEP#197-0599)
 - e) 14 Massasoit Drive Project Change: Perimeter drain (DEP# 197-0649)
 - f) 195 Rawson Street Agricultural Exemption
 - g) 445 Pine Street Wetland replication
 - h) Correspondence/Other New Business

Mr. Marc-Aurele called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

Cedar Meadow Lake Watershed District, off 142 Charles St., lake drawdown and dam maintenance (DEP# 197-0653)

Mr. Brian Waterman and Mr. Tom Lee, from the Cedar Meadow Lake Watershed District were present. Mr. Waterman read the comments from DEP stating that all of the original comments have been reviewed and the information submitted has been accepted. DEP also requested, due to the large area of the proposed resource area impacts for drawdown projects that all future drawdown projects be submitted as Ecological Restoration Limited Projects with corresponding Appendix A's. The drawdown will take place sometime between November 1st – December 1st. The drawdown will be 3 feet. Mr. Waterman included a Bathymetric plan for the Board's review.

MOTION: Ms. Schold moved to approve the NOI and incorporate the DEP comments.

SECOND: Mr. Cooper

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: All in favor

Burncoat Pond Watershed District (legislation to add Conservation Commission member)

Mr. Bob Dirsra from the Burncoat Pond Watershed District was present to discuss the fact that Spencer is giving up their seat on the Board. Mr. Doug Belanger explained there is no need for a Conservation Commission member to be on the Board as a member of the Audubon society now has a voting seat therefore the Board is complete. Mr. Belanger stated Senators Gobi and Moore would be putting through the legislation October 17, 2019.

184 River Street

The Board asked Ms. Schur at the last meeting to reach out with a cease and desist order to the property owner, Mr. Chad Arcouette. The letter was sent via certified mail and the homeowner never responded. The Board asked Ms. Schur to send another letter stating the property owner should attend the next meeting and plan to file an after the fact RDA.

92 Rawson Street (potential work in wetland buffer)

The Commission asked Ms. Schur to email Mr. Parretti to see if he did a site walk at this property.

93 Huntoon/KM Kelly status update (DEP#197-0599)

Ms. Buck stated she had spoken with the applicant and the permit expires November 23, 2019 and no extension has been filed. She will reach out again via letter to remind the applicant to file for an extension. Ms. Schold will go out to do a site walk.

14 Massasoit Drive. Project change: Perimeter Drain (DEP# 197-0469)

Mr. Carl Dale, owner, explained to the Board the change in the perimeter drain needed to be made. He provided an engineer's plan showing the location of the drain. The Board reviewed the plan.

MOTION: Mr. Cooper moved to accept the minor change to the plan showing the perimeter drain.

SECOND: Ms. Schold

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: All in favor

195 Rawson St. Agricultural Exemption

The Board reviewed the application/information submitted. There was a brief discussion as to whether the property is protected by Chapter 61A and if Forestry should be contacted.

445 Pine Street Wetland Replication

Ms. Susan Shea, homeowner, explained that her Order of Conditions (OOC) required a wetland replication replacing any trees/vegetation disturbed during construction. She explained the vegetation was not disturbed and is asking if she should remove all of the vegetation from the area and plant the trees etc. listed in the OOC. Ms. Schold and Ms. Martilla stated they would go out and do a site walk of the area.

Approval of Minutes

9/11/2019

MOTION: Mr. Cooper moved to accept the minutes as written.

SECOND: Ms. Martilla

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 4 in favor 1 abstention (Ms. Schold).

Correspondence/Other New Business

The Board reviewed information given to them from National Grid regarding work replacing poles on Baldwin Street. It was mentioned that National Grid has a standing NOI to do this type of work.

The next meeting will take place November 13, 2019 at 6:30pm.

MOTION: Ms. Schold moved to adjourn meeting

SECOND: Mr. Cooper

VOTE: All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Schur, Department Assistant

Documents included in meeting packet:

- Agenda
- NOI Cedar Meadow Lake Watershed District
- DEP comments on Cedar Meadow Lake Watershed District dated 9/26/2019
- Burncoat Pond Legislation emails and information
- Letter from Ross Hubacz dated October 8, 2019
- Meeting Minutes September 11, 2019

Documents submitted at meeting:

- N/A