

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

July 31st 2018 at 7:00pm
Town Hall, 663 Main Street

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPOINTMENTS

REQUEST FOR A DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY (RDA); NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI), ABBREVIATED
NOTICE OF RESOURCE AREA DELINEATION (ANRAD), ORDER OF CONDITIONS (OOC)

Present: (Chair) Brian Berube, Jeffrey Bryan, Lori Stephenson, William Payne, Chris McNamara, Rebecca Longvall (Conservation Agent)

Absent: Emily Winner

7:00pm The Conservation Commission opened the Public Meeting to address the request for Certificate of Compliance regarding property located at 437 S. Bolton Road. The septic had been upgraded and the disturbed area hydro seeded with tac. The area had no encroachments in the resource area and was stable upon the site visit date. Chair Brian made a motion to close the public hearing. Jeff seconded, all unanimously approved. Chair Brian made a motion to issue a complete certificate of compliance for the work completed at 437 S. Bolton Rd. Jeff Seconded, all unanimously approved.

Chair Brian makes a motion to review and approve July 10th 2018 meeting minutes. Jeff seconded, all unanimously approve.

Letter from NRHS Athletic Director which enclosed the request to use the Bowers Springs Conservation Area for Cross Country Meets on the dates of September 11th, October 2nd and October 16th 2018. The Chair took a poll of the commission and all agreed to allow the use.

The Conservation Agent updated the commission that the general contractor for the project located at 147 Longhill Rd. under Applewood construction would plant the replication area this fall.

7:15pm Molly Obendorf was present representing the applicant for the abbreviated notice of resource area delineation for Lot 31 Nashaway Rd. The commission determined the flags the conservation agent and wetland biologist established as necessary to complete the delineation were added to the revised plans. The abutters Ned Cully (representative) and Cynthia Jaquith of kettle hole inquired about potential future development implications. The commission stated they were unable to speak on anything other than what was before them and the evening agenda item was specific to establishing the resource areas on the property with no development proposed. Chair Brian moved to close the public hearing. Jeff seconded, all unanimously approve. Chair Brian moved to issue an Order of Resource Area Delineation referencing "Resource Area Delineation Plan in Bolton for Dunnells" dated "Rev. July 10th 2018". Jeff seconded, all unanimously approve.

Rona Balco was present to informally discuss with the commission the benefits and if there would be potential to transfer ownership to the Conservation Commission to ensure the protection of the parcel located at the most Northwestern corner of Bolton currently owned by the town. The commission was polled to see if there was interested to move forward with fact finding and address with a vote to request the transfer from the Board of Selectman at the next ConCom meeting. All agree.

The Conservation Commission decided to move the agenda item of the masonry work for Fyfehire dam conservation area until the August 7th meeting date.

7:45pm The proposed deck expansion located at 195 Wilder Rd. was addressed with the applicant and property owner present; Danielle Spicer. The proposed deck will use helical pilings for footings, the deck will not be enclosed nor screened in. The lattice work around the exterior of the deck will be at least 6 inches above the ground to allow for wildlife movement. Chair Brian makes a motion to close the Public Hearing. Jeff seconded, all unanimously approve. Chair Brian makes a motion to issue a negative 5 determination for the project proposed at 195 Wilder Road under the exemption “The conversion of lawn to uses accessory to residential structures such as...decks...provided the activity, including material staging and stockpiling is located more than 50 feet from the mean annual high-water line within the Riverfront Area, Bank or from Bordering Vegetated Wetland, whichever is farther, and erosion and sedimentation controls and implemented during construction.” 310CMR10.02(2)(b).e.

Jeff seconded, all unanimously approve.

The Conservation Commission were polled to approve the expenditure of funds for maintenance of the Bowers Springs Conservation Area and Butternut Farm Conservation Area by Henderson Striker.

Next Meeting Dates: **August 21st , September 4th, September 18th at 7pm** in the Houghton Building.

Chair Brian moves to close the Public Meeting of July 31st 2018. Chris seconded, all unanimously approve.