

Approved: May 11, 2021

TOWN OF LANCASTER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Lancaster Town Hall Auditorium
December 10, 2019

Members Present: Vice Chair Tom Christopher, Bonnie Mae-Smith, Shawn Corbett; Thomas Seidenberg, and Don Chaisson.

Absent: James Lavallee

Also Present: David Koonce, Conservation Agent

List of Documents:

- Conservation Commission Agenda for December 10, 2019
- Application-Notice of Intent; Town of Clinton Department of Public Works 31& 35 South Meadow Road
- Request for Determination of Applicability; Fort Pond Inn Road Association; Fort Pond Inn Road Right-of-Way
- Notice of Intent (cont'd from 11.26.19); Brendan & Ashley Laughlin; 348 Mill Street Extension
- Request for Determination of Applicability; Laurie Kincaid; 206 Fire Road 3

There being a quorum present, Vice Chair Tom Christopher called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Open Meeting

Tom Christopher informed the Commission of Nathan Stevens resignation. He said the Commission needs to reorganize. **A motion was made by Thomas Seidenberg to nominate Tom Christopher as Chairman. Bonnie Mae-Smith seconded the motion. VOTE: 4-0-1.**

A motion was made by Tom Christopher to nominate Thomas Seidenberg as Vice Chairman. Don Chaisson seconded the motion. VOTE: 4-0-1.

Public Hearing – Notice of Intent; Town of Clinton Department of Public Works; 31 & 35 South Meadow Road

Present: Don Ponsa and Elizabeth Brown/Brown and Caldwell, representing Applicant

Chairman Christopher read the public hearing notice thereby convening the public hearing. This is a NOI for dredging of the south end of South Meadow Pond to remove sediment impacted by the Clinton Landfill. Clinton DPW Superintendent McGowan said this is part of the landfill closure operation project to dredge a portion of the South Meadow Pond. Ninety to ninety five percent of the work is in Clinton. There is 15,000 square feet in Lancaster. Chairman Christopher asked about the pollutants. Mr. McGowan said there are elevated levels of iron and

arsenic in the pond. Don Ponsa did a brief overview of the project. He said once the landfill is capped you will not have any more iron or arsenic going to the pond. Once dredged to prevent seeps he said they will install gravel berms at each of the major seeps lined with filter fabric which will be periodically cleaned out (replaced).

Chairman Christopher said there should be annual testing in Clinton at the nearest berm located closest to the Lancaster line. The results should be copied to Clinton, Lancaster Conservation Commission, and the Board of Health.

Elizabeth Brown went over the dredging process. She said there will be three temporary dams in three positions to dewater/dredge in phases. DPW Superintendent McGowen said they will be meeting with Clinton at the end of the month. Chairman Christopher said when they issue an Order of Condition, they should pass it onto us. Mr. McGowen asked for a continuance until the January 14, 2020 meeting. **A motion was made by Bonnie Mae-Smith to continue the public hearing until January 14, 2020. Don Chaisson seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

Public Hearing (cont'd from 11.26.19) – Request for Determination of Applicability; Fort Pond Inn Road Association; Fort Pond Inn Road Right-of-Way

Present: Tim Wortley, representing Applicant

Chairman Christopher recused himself and left the table.

Tim Wortley said the road is getting mangled by the water runoff. He is proposing sweeping and repaving the road. Conservation Agent David Koonce recommended a negative determination with no conditions. **A motion to close the hearing was made by Bonnie Mae-Smith. Shawn Corbett seconded the motion. VOTE: 4-0-0. A motion was made by Bonnie Mae-Smith for a negative determination of applicability. Shawn Corbett seconded the motion. VOTE: 4-0-0.**

Chairman Christopher returned to the table.

Public Hearing – Notice of Intent (cont'd from 11.26.19); Brendan & Ashley Laughlin; 348 Mill Street Extension

Present: Brandon Ducharme/Ducharme & Dillis Civil Design Group, representing Applicant

David Koonce said the Commission was waiting for a DEP file number which has been received with no comments. **A motion was made by Bonnie Mae-Smith to close the public hearing for Brendan and Ashley Laughlin; 348 Mill Street Ext. Tom Seidenberg seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0-0. A motion was made by Bonnie Mae-Smith to issue an order of condition for Brendan and Ashley Laughlin; 348 Mill Street Ext. Tom Seidenberg seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

Public Hearing (cont'd from 11.26.19) – Request for Determination of Applicability; Laurie Kincaid; 206 Fire Road 3

Present: Laurie B. Kincaid, Applicant and Property Owner

Agent David Koonce said Ms. Kincaid has asked for a continuance until the April 14, 2020 meeting. **A motion was made by Bonnie Mae-Smith to continue the public hearing for Laurie Kincaid; 206 Fire Road 3 until the April 14, 2020 meeting. Tom Seidenberg seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

New Business

Don Chaisson asked about the solar array at the golf site. He asked if it was properly permitted. Chairman Christopher said part of the silt fence has collapsed at the steep slope. It is appropriate for site visits to make sure the environmental control barriers are doing what they are supposed to do. With future projects we need to assign someone to monitor the project. Agent David Koonce recommended that the Planning Board hire a compliance monitor. Chairman Christopher said he would follow up on it.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Bonnie Mae-Smith and seconded by Shawn Corbett to adjourn. VOTE: 5-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Dennis