

Approved: May 11, 2021

TOWN OF LANCASTER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Prescott Building, Nashaway Meeting Room
February 11, 2020

Members Present: Chair Tom Christopher, Bonnie Smith, Don Chaisson, Thomas Seidenberg and James Lavallee

Members Absent: Shawn Corbett

Also Present: David Koonce, Conservation Agent

List of Documents:

- Conservation Commission Agenda for February 11, 2020
- BSG Group-Supplemental Stormwater Review dated February 10, 2020
- GLM-Response to comments dated February 5, 2020
- GLM-Soil Report dated February 5, 2020

There being a quorum present, Chairman Tom Christopher called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Public Hearing-Notice of Intent (cont'd from 11-26-19); Crescent Builders, Inc.; Sterling Road (Map 41, Lot 34.B)

Present: Mark Arnold/Goddard Consulting, representing the Applicant

Mark Arnold said that in BSC letter they said based on the information provided by the applicant they believe that the project has demonstrated compliance with the applicable sections of DEP's Stormwater Standards including Standard 6 for discharge near or to critical areas. He commented he provided the Commission with a letter concerning cold water fisheries.

Chairman Tom Christopher said he wants to consider comments from Mr. Garner as part of the public hearing process. Mr. Garner made a presentation to the Commission. He said there are a number of remaining issues which then were discussed.

Mark Arnold commented this project meets the standards. He said they are complying with what we are asked to follow.

Agent David Koonce said he disagrees in his opinion. He said a compliance stormwater standard does not presume compliance with all other provisions of 310CMR. 310CMR 10.5 says that greatest concern is just because compliance with stormwater standards doesn't mean significant changes to the hydrology doesn't have an adverse impact to the vernal pool. He proposed a third party review.

Mr. Ali said the Commission has been given all the information that has been asked for and approved by their peer reviewer. He asked the Commission to make a final decision as to what they are looking for. Mr. Garner said a water analysis and budget needs to be done with a review by BSC.

Victoria Petracca said she has concerns with the impact on cold-water fisheries.

Mark Arnold asked the Commission to provide him with a written letter of what the Commission is asking for. He said he is requesting a continuance to the next meeting.

A motion was made by James Lavallee to continue the Public Hearing. Bonnie Smith seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

New Business

- Presentation-Greg Jackson: Proposed Scenic Road Bylaw-He said he would like to discuss the Scenic Road Act which the Commission has a role in. The Planning Board has jurisdiction concerning removal of trees and sidewalks. He would like to see the level of interest in this with the Commission. Chair Tom Christopher said the Historical Society is the best to draft a bylaw.

Items for Approval and/or Signature

- **A motion was made by James Lavallee to approve the meeting minutes of June 11, 2019. Bonnie Smith seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**
- **A motion was made by James Lavallee to approve the meeting minutes of July 23, 2019. Bonnie Smith seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

Adjourn

A motion was made by James Lavallee to adjourn the meeting. Don Chaisson seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Debra Dennis
Administrative Assistant