

Approved: September 7, 2021

TOWN OF LANCASTER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Prescott Building, Nashaway Meeting Room
January 14, 2020

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

Members Absent:

Also Present: David Koonce, Conservation Agent

List of Documents:

- Conservation Commission Agenda for January 14, 2020
- Goddard Consulting-Storm-water Wildlife Habitat Evaluation dated 12-30-19
- GLM Engineering Consultants Inc. letter dated 12-17-19

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

Public Hearing-Notice of Intent (cont'd from 12-10-19); Town of Clinton Department of Public Works; 31 & 35 South Meadow Road

Present: Elizabeth Wilson/Brown and Caldwell, representing the Applicant.

Ms. Wilson gave a status update. They received a letter from Mass Historical Commission stating the project will not significantly affect any archeological resources. She said they will be meeting with the Clinton Conservation Commission at the beginning of February. Chair Tom Christopher said so right now you are filing paperwork. She said at this time they are working on getting approvals. **A motion was made by Bonnie Smith to continue the public hearing until the February 27, 2020 meeting after the Clinton Conservation Commission opens their public hearing. Don Chaisson seconded the motion. VOTE: 6-0-0.**

Items for Approval and/or Signature

- Determination of Applicability (Fort Pond Inn Road Association; Fort Pond Inn Road ROW)-The Commission signed the document except for Tom Christopher.

Old Business

- Discussion: Chapter 61A First Right-of Refusal on Map 41, Lot 34. Chairman Tom Christopher said the document must be refiled with the Select board. The Board of Selectmen has not sent all the paperwork down to the Conservation Commission or the Planning Board. He suggested waiting until the Commission has all the paperwork. Don Chaisson asked for a plan of land surveyor's drawings be requested.

Victoria Petracca said there is some talk about the Board of Selectmen giving first refusal to a land trust. Agent Koonce said the right of first refusal can be assigned to a land trust. Chair Tom Christopher thought it was a good idea.

- The Board signed the Order of Conditions 193-0564 (Laughlin; 348 Mill Street Extension).

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

Agent Koonce gave a status update. He said he received revised plans, additional information related to the project, the applicant's response to the Commission's peer reviewer and the peer reviewer's response to the applicant's response.

Mark Arnold went through the updated changes to the plans. He said they have tightened up the plans. Four lots have been taken out so there are 52 houses total now. The lots have been shifted and the basins pulled back.

Dominic Rinaldi, BSC Group commented on his Letter dated January 14, 2020. He commented about storm-water standards. He said the cold-water fisheries and the vernal pool fall under Standard 6. Since the vernal pool meets Standard 6 then by default it would meet Standard 6 for cold water fisheries. Agent Koonce said the criteria discharge near outstanding resource water is whether discharge is going to have an adverse impact. Just because it meets Standard 6 does not mean it does not have an adverse effect. The burden of proof is on the applicant.

A motion was made by Bonnie Smith to continue the public hearing until February 11, 2020 and was seconded by James Lavallee. VOTE: 6-0-0.

Adjourn

A motion was made by James Lavallee to adjourn. Don Chaisson seconded the motion. VOTE: 6-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

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