

TOWN OF LANCASTER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Lancaster Community Center
October 24, 2017

Members Present: Chairman Ken Rapoza, Vice Chairman Nate Stevens, Tom Christopher, Peter Farmer, James Lavalley and Bonnie Mae Smith

Also Present: David Koonce, Conservation Agent

There being a quorum present, Chairman Ken Rapoza called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

Public Hearing – Notice of Intent; Sterling Manufacturing; 640 Sterling Street

Present: Christopher Anderson, Hannigan Engineering, on behalf of the applicant Sterling Manufacturing.

At 7:07 PM Chairman Ken Rapoza read aloud a Notice of Public Hearing thereby convening a public hearing for the purpose of hearing a Notice of Intent filed by Hannigan Engineering, representing the owner for the expansion of an existing processing and manufacturing operation, along with associated improvements to site stormwater management. Mr. Christopher Anderson explained the project. He stated the drainage analysis takes into count both additions to insure it doesn't impact the stormwater requirements. No structure is proposed within 200 feet of the buffer zone. For stormwater management they are proposing to construct a rain guard structure. The remaining area will flow into a settling area then transmitted into a detention settling. They discussed the calculation for the capture rate and the storage capacity.

Chairman Rapoza stated he would like to see something slowing the water coming off the roof. David Koonce asked the percentage of the runoff of the building roof that would go toward the drainage swale and what percent would be sheet- flowing north in the parking lot toward the lawn. Mr. Anderson said that would be difficult to say but he would provide the Commission with construction plans showing the locations of roof drains. David Koonce stated you are asking for short term expansion as well as future expansion and erosion control might need to be installed on the future expansion.

Member Tom Christopher made a motion to close the public hearing for 640 Sterling Road; Member Bonnie Mae Smith seconded. No discussion. Vote 5-0-0

Member Tom Christopher motioned to approve the plan as submitted with addition of notation drafted to future expansion and inspection by the Conservation Administrator prior to any future expansions. Member Tom Christopher seconded. Vote 5-0-0

Old Business:

- **Continued discussion and acceptance of public comments on the proposed amendment to the Lancaster Water Withdrawal Bylaw-** Mr. Robert Lidstone the President of the Lancaster Trust stated there is a regulatory way to address this. The Selectmen do the permitting. Chairman Rapoza stated the Conservation Commission is seeking some mechanism for oversight for a quarry. We want oversight included in our bylaw. Mr. Tom Christopher recommended they investigate how we can craft this to protect the community.
- **Discussion- Cliff McMullan, Snow Riders of the Nashaway: Proposed snowmobile trails at Cook Conservation Area-Present:** *Mr. Cliff McMullan and Mr. Tom Donagan members of Snow riders of the Nashaway.* Mr. McMullan stated they are here tonight asking permission to adopt all trail systems in town and maintain them. They would maintain them from September through March. In order to implement we are seeking to amend the use of snowmobiles on the trails we use. Mr. Tom Christopher stated the Cook Conservation area doesn't allow motorized vehicles. He said he is not in favor of any motorized vehicles on Cook Conservation Area. Mr. David Koonce stated the Commission has care/control of the land. The Commission can hold a Public Hearing. Chairman Rapoza stated it would be more appropriate to work with the Friends of Nashua and see what their needs are and if they are acceptable to it. Mr. Tom Christopher disagreed he said it is more appropriate to leave the decision to the Commission and hold a Public Hearing. The Commission decided to hold a Public Hearing with the date to be determined.

New Business: None

Items for Approval and Signature

- Settlement Agreement Land Court case 10 TL 140513 (Parcel 14-13)
Chairman Rapoza stated the agreement was signed last Thursday. We are giving up rights to 14-13 and 13-4. They will be paying back taxes on 14-13 and legal expenses. The town received +/- 100 acres, permanent easements to existing trails and approximately \$170,000. The Conservation Commission will be reimbursed for legal costs.
- Certificates of Compliance for Orders of Conditions 193-0522, 193-0523, 193-0524 (392&394 Hill Top Road)-**Nathan Stevens made a motion to approve the certificates of compliance for orders of Conditions 193-0522, 193-0523, 193-0524 (392&394 Hill Top Road). Mr. Peter Farmer seconded. No discussion. Vote: 6-0-0.**

Minutes of September 12, 2017 were tabled until the next meeting.

Minutes of October 10, 2017

The Commission reviewed the minutes from the October 10, 2017 meeting.

Mr. Peter Farmer made a motion to approve the minutes of October 10, 2017. Ms. Nathan Stevens seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 6-0-0.

Adjourn

At 8:58 PM Vice Chairman Nathan Stevens made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Member Peter Farmer seconded. Vote 6-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Dennis
Administrative Assistant