

Approved: November 28, 2017

TOWN OF LANCASTER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Lancaster Town Hall Auditorium
November 14, 2017

Members Present: Tom Christopher, Peter Farmer, James Lavallee and Bonnie Mae Smith

Absent: Ken Rapoza and Nate Stevens

Also Present: David Koonce, Conservation Agent

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

Acting Chairman Tom Christopher wanted it noted the meeting has moved to the Lancaster Town Hall.

Public Hearing – Request for Determination of Applicability, 39 Brockelman Road

Present: Shawn Corbett, Applicant and Property Owner

Acting Chairman Christopher read the public hearing notice into the record. This is for construction of a detached 24X24 garage. David Koonce stated he went to the property and the reason why Mr. Corbett is here is because the garage is within two hundred feet of an intermittent stream, which makes it jurisdictional under the Lancaster Wetlands Bylaw. The closest side of the garage to the stream bank is one hundred and forty feet and is one hundred and twenty feet from the vegetation wetland. He commented double staked hay bales or twelve inch diameter wattles would be good. The applicant stated he would use double staked hay bales.

Member Peter Farmer made a motion to close the public hearing for 39 Brockelman Road; Member Bonnie Mae Smith seconded. No discussion. Vote: 4-0-0.

Member Peter Farmer motioned to issue a negative determination with the standard set of conditions under the wetland act; Member Bonnie Mae Smith seconded. No discussion. Vote: 4-0-0.

New Business:

- **Discussion and vote: Conservation Commission contribution of \$185.00 for new Lancaster Trail Guides**-Agent Koonce stated Ms. Noreen Piazza and MRPC did an excellent job on this. **Member Peter Farmer made a motion to spend \$185.00 from the Conservation Trust Fund for the new Lancaster Trail Guide; Member Bonnie Mae Smith seconded. No discussion. Vote: 4-0-0.**

- **Discussion- Conservation Agent: Nashua River Wild and Scenic Study**-Agent Koonce stated he forwarded the brochure to the members. On November 28th there will be a public input session on the Nashua River Wild and Scenic Study. He commented that someone needs to come before the Commission to do a presentation and explain the Nashua River Wild and Scenic Study.

Discussion- Snow Riders of the Nashaway: Proposed snowmobile trails at Cook Conservation Area: *Present: Cliff McMullan and Susan Smiley*

Ms. Susan Smiley stated she did a survey to get input from people at the trails. She read the questions that are on the survey. She said she will email the survey to the Commission. They discussed having a snowmobile demonstration prior to the meeting. Acting Chairman Tom Christopher stated to note on the agenda the snowmobile demo will take place at 6:30 pm prior to the January 9, 2018 7:00 pm. Meeting.

Agent Koonce reported he received an email from a property owner that was concerned during a storm there will be trees that will fall on the common driveway. He said he will do a site visit to review the trees and then the Commissioners can vote to remove all or none of the trees.

Member Peter Farmer stated last Wednesday there was an Earth Products Removal Review Committee meeting. He said P.J. Keating Co. wants to get rid of the old conditions without a public hearing. Acting Chairman Christopher said there will have to be a Public Hearing to discuss the conditions.

Items for Approval and Signature

- Order of Conditions 193-0547 (Sterling Manufacturing Co., 640 Sterling Street)
The Conservation Commission Members signed the order of Conditions.

Minutes

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

Minutes of October 24, 2017

The Commission reviewed the minutes from the October 24, 2017 meeting.

Member James Lavelle made a motion to approve the minutes of October 24, 2017. Member Peter Farmer seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

Adjourn

At 8:11 PM Member Peter Farmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Member Bonnie Mae Smith seconded. Vote: 4-0-0.

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Respectfully submitted,

Debra Dennis
Office Manager