

Approved October 24, 2017

TOWN OF LANCASTER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Lancaster Community Center
October 10, 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 7:02 PM.

Public Hearing- Notice of Intent; Kelly & Clayton Arvidson; 310 Fort Pond Road

Present: Kelly Arvidson, Applicant and Property Owner

At 7:04 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 the property owners Kelly & Clayton Arvidson for the construction of a 9 foot by 11 foot utility shed that is eight inches from the water. Ms. Arvidson showed the Commission her husband's handicapped placard. David Koonce discussed the type of roofing material. He said there is a minor concern that will require regular monitoring which is the erosion coming off the roof. He recommended putting crushed stone on one side which the applicant agreed to do.

Mr. David Carle and Mr. Philip Carle came forward. Mr. David Carle who is the head of the trust for 314 Fort Pond Road, he read a prepared statement of his comments against the construction of the shed.

Mr. Daniel McCarty resident of 306 Fort Pond Road came forward. He commented he didn't see any disturbance of the wetland area and sees the shed as a necessity.

At 7:37 PM Member Tom Christopher made a motion to close the public hearing for 310 Fort Pond Road, Member Peter Farmer seconded. No discussion. Vote 6-0-0

At 7:51pm Member Peter Farmer motioned to issue an order of condition after the fact with standard conditions that no storage of hazardous chemicals and no erosion of the buffer zone are permitted, Member Tom Christopher seconded. Vote 5-1-0

New Business:

Discussion: Kevin Younkin, P.J. Keating Co., Proposed amendment to Lancaster Water Withdrawal

Bylaw- Mr. Kevin Younkin, Operations Manager from P.J. Keating came forward. He wanted to know what the intent of the Commission was by proposing the amendment. Chairman Ken Rapoza said presently we have no oversight. This bylaw change was to protect the town in the future. It is a way to monitor what is happening. If the amendment passes we have some way to verify what is happening. Bonnie Mae Smith commented it is a way to protect the town and the people.

Items for Approval and Signature

The minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

Old Business:

- Follow-up discussion: Settlement Agreement for Land Court case 10 TL 140513-None at this time.
- Discussion – Conservation Agent: Review of October 2nd Special Town Meeting results
Conservation Agent David Koonce informed the Commission that at the Special Town Meeting they approved the purchase of land on Old County Road for Conservation purposes and the money for the design of the trails at Bartlett Pond.

At 8:31 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