

Town of Lunenburg

Conservation Commission

MINUTES

May 21, 2014

APPROVED June 4, 2014

7:00 PM

Ritter Memorial Building

960 Massachusetts Avenue

Rob Verge, Rich Bursch, JJ Cote, Jack Byrne, Sharon Jordan, John Lattanzi, Matt Marro, Jan Carrier

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT: Matt discussed the gas line that is being proposed in the area and many of the Cities and Towns are upset because they want to go directly thru conservation and other protected lands. This will be an ongoing update.

HEARINGS:

7:00 PM ~ Hickory Hills Dam ~199 Townsend Harbor Road ~ Pursuant to MGL ch 131, s 40 as amended and the Town of Lunenburg Wetlands Protection and Municipal Bylaws there will be a public hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by Melvin Bertram of Hickory Hills Landowners, Inc. The proposed project is for installation of a filter blanket along the toe of the dam in an existing seepage collection swale to limit potential piping in the embankment. A v-notch weir will be installed downstream to allow monitoring and to quantify seepage flows. **Walt Parquet along with Tom Bertram presented. Stated there is a gully/pipe that handles the seepage and runs under Townsend Harbor Road to Mulpus Brook. This swale would be a permanent structure 10' wide and about 4 ½' deep with rip rap to direct and control flow the velocity of water. Approved Unanimous**

7:15 PM ~ 191 Elmwood Road, Lot 3 ~ CONTINUATION ~ Pursuant to MGL ch 131, s 40 as amended and the Town of Lunenburg Wetlands Protection and Municipal Bylaws there will be a public hearing on a Notice of Intent file by John S. Giaimo. The project is for a single family home and associated structures such as a driveway and grading for the leach field within the 100' buffer zone. Hay bales will be provided for erosion control around the down slope perimeter of the construction area. **Need new Plan w/50' mark. Janet Giaimo presented new plan. Footprint of house has been moved out of 50' no build zone. Approved Unanimous**

7:30 PM ~ 314 Townsend Harbor Road ~ Jack Rabbitt ~ Pursuant to MGL ch 131, s 40 as amended and the Town of Lunenburg Wetlands Protection and Municipal Bylaws there will be a public hearing on an amendment filed by John T. Rabbitt. The proposed project is to add a 12 x 14 screen gazebo enclosure that would sit on front retaining wall and attach to the rear retaining wall. No changes to vegetation or retaining wall area. **All soil will be moved to side and graded, will raise level in area about 6". Approved Rich and JJ abstained**

7:45 PM ~ Brandon Kibbee ~ Grant Application Signing ~ Lane Property ~ MOVED TO JUNE 4, 2014, 7:00 PM

8:00 PM ~ 423 Lancaster Avenue ~ Faith Merchant ~ Pursuant to MGL ch 131, s 40 as amended and the Town of Lunenburg Wetlands Protection and Municipal Bylaws there will be a public meeting on a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Thomas/Faith Merchant. The proposed project is for installation of in ground pool to replace an above ground pool that has collapsed. **No problem with replacement. Negative 3 Unanimous**

8:10 PM ~ 739-777 Chase Road ~ CONTINUATION ~ Pursuant to MGL ch 131, s 40 as amended and the Town of Lunenburg Wetlands Protection and Municipal Bylaws there will be a public hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by Empire Management Corporation. The proposed project is for construction of a gravel access drive and pad for the installation of a water supply well and construction of a paved parking area and supporting stormwater management measures. Continued from April 16th. **Public water supply well discussed. Well is classified public because it will service more than 25 people. Area OK including gravel service road. Customer Parking and Vehicle Storage Area, to the left of the Mazda garage, to be paved. This area is bordering a wetland and Matt would like a third party review. Will present updated plan. Anthony Cleaves presented peer review concerns. Jim Almonte provided answers. Commission asked for a maintenance schedule. Unanimously voted to close and conditionally approve contingent on receiving final plans on June 4th. Wetland Buffer markers needed.**

MINUTES APPROVAL: 5-7-2014 ~ Approved

NEW BUSINESS: Stormwater ~ Sharon ~ more information forthcoming in future meetings

OLD BUSINESS: 35 Leominster Road ~ Waiting for Jack's reply with suggestions

Lake Whalom Spillway ~ needs to be cleaned up ~ unable to find a contact person for Wilder Beach Association

803/809 Leominster Road ~ Matt met with Rick Hillman and agrees that something has to be done to correct drainage in the area. Jack (DPW) to fix.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MEETING SCHEDULE:

	September 3 & 17
June 4	October 1 & 15
July 2 & 16	November 5 & 19
August 6 & 20	December 3 & 17

PUBLIC COMMENT:

COMMISSION COMMENT: Jan brought up a NOI to be on the July 2 Agenda for an addition, but they need an Emergency Permit to put in a new well immediately. Jan will issue EP.

July 16th Sharon will present NOI for Dyer property

ADJOURNMENT: 9:20 PM

Visitors

Melvin Bertram	312 Townsend Harbor Road	978-532-0242
Walt Parquet	10 Iris Court	978-582-9830
Janet Gaimo	2 Edgeway, Ayer	978-772-5025
Jack Kutarnia	192 Townsend Harbor Road	978-582-6139
John Rabbitt	314 Townsend Harbor Road	978-582-9491
Tom Merchant	423 Lancaster Avenue	978-582-9611
Faith Merchant	423 Lancaster Avenue	978-582-9611
Anthony Cleaves	510 Mechanic Street, Leominster	978-537-5296
Brian Lafferty	626 Main Street, Concord	508-527-2000
Jim Almonte	31 E Main Street, Westboro	401-274-1360