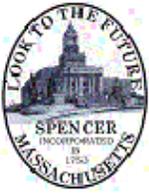


Conservation Commission – Town of Spencer

Minutes



Conservation Commission Meeting
Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 7:00 PM
Town Hall, McCourt Social Hall

The Meeting was opened at 7 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Warren Snow, Dana Reed, Margaret Emerson, James Bouley, Eric Peterson

Commissioners Absent: Mary McLaughlin

Staff present: Margaret Washburn

Minutes Approved: March 11, 2015 – *A motion to approve the minutes as amended (Emerson/Bouley) passed 5/0.*
March 25, 2015 – *Table to April 22, 2015*

Signed: 300 Charlton Road, Certificate of Compliance – Ms. Washburn said she inspected today. She had no issues at this time. Mr. Peterson read the inspection report. *A motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance (Peterson/Emerson) passed 5/0.*

7:15 p.m. Opened the Continuation of Public Hearing for Notice of Intent for Town of Spencer, Utilities & Facilities

Property: 3 Lakeview Drive, Sugden Dam, Spencer, MA DEP#293-0849

At the request of the applicant, the hearing has been continued to May 27, 2015.

7:18 p.m. Opened the Continuation of Public Hearing for Notice of Intent for Town of Spencer, Utilities & Facilities

Property: 17 South Spencer Road, Spencer, MA DEP#293-0850

Mr. Steven Tyler said this project is for landfill cap repairs. He said the woody vegetation should have been kept off the entire landfill. The vegetation was not maintained and trees' roots have grown through the cap into the landfill. Mr. Tyler said this is a maintenance request. Silt fence and hay bales will be installed. The project should take approximately two to three weeks. Mr. Tyler said boulders will be placed at the toe of the steep slope that all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and snowmobiles use. The Snowbirds are going to have to re-route their trail. Mr. Tyler said they want the snowmobiles to re-route their trail because ATVs use the Snowbirds' trail. Mr. Tyler wrote on the plan to show the bridge removal and the boulders at the toe of the slope.

Mr. Peterson said that his concern is that heavy equipment can damage the cap. Mr. Tyler said the machines that drive on the cap will be dictated by the U & F Superintendent.

The proposed conditions are as follows:

- Ms. Washburn must be contacted at least five (5) days prior to starting work.
- Standard conditions.

A motion to close the public hearing (Emerson/Peterson) passed 5/0.

A motion to accept plan with the changes noted (Reed/Peterson) passed 5/0.

7:30 p.m. Opened the Continuation of Public Hearing for Notice of Intent for Town of Spencer, Utilities & Facilities

Property: 17 Ash Street, Spencer, MA DEP#293-0851

At the request of the applicant, the hearing has been continued to May 27, 2015.

7:32 p.m. Opened the Continuation of Public Hearing for Notice of Intent for Burncoat Pond Watershed District

Property: Burncoat Pond, Spencer, MA DEP#293-0852

At the request of the applicant, the hearing has been continued to April 22, 2015.

7:34 p.m. Opened the Public Hearing for Notice of Intent for John Matthews

Property: 87 Lakeshore Drive, Spencer, MA DEP#293-0853

Mr. Lenny Jalbert submitted proof that he mailed the revised plans (version 2) to DEP. The project is to demolish the existing house and construct a new single family home. Mr. Jalbert showed the existing conditions plan. The existing well will be abandoned. A new well will be installed with a spoils pit. The perimeter drain will go into a recharge chamber. Another 500-gallon recharge chamber will be installed for roof runoff. The retaining walls will be replaced with a versa-lock wall with a perimeter drain around the versa-lock wall. Mr. Jalbert said the floor elevation will be the same. The foundation wall will be nine feet high. There will not be a driveway put in. Wooden stairs will be removed and replaced with stone stairs.

Mr. Jalbert said that double-staked hay bales and silt fence will be installed. One large tree, five hemlocks and some arborvitae will be removed. The stump from the large tree will be ground. Five trees will be planted where hemlocks are to be removed. Mr. Jalbert drew on the plan where the trees will be placed. Mr. Snow read the inspection report. No invasive species are to be planted.

A motion to close the public hearing (Emerson/Bouley) passed 5/0.

A motion to accept plan with the changes noted (Reed/Peterson) passed 5/0.

Other Business:

Site Visits: The Commission will do site visits on Tuesday, April 21st starting at 1 p.m.

22 Podunk Pike-Diversified Automotive: Ms. Washburn said she inspected and took photos on April 1st. The water department thought there was a water leak so Diversified Automotive had to dig down 20 feet to a gate valve on the east side of the building. The fill knocked down one section of chain link fence at the toe of the slope. The septic system is under construction and the sediment controls are acceptable. Ms. Washburn said there are no issues at this time.

Town-Wide Road Maintenance: Steve Tyler said he comes before the Commission annually to give updates on the town road maintenance projects. He explained that the following projects have been completed:

- A culvert was replaced on I Capen Road.
- Clark Road and Adams Street were resurfaced from Maple Street to Ash Street.
- Water Street was resurfaced. Mr. Tyler said many culverts under Water Street need to be replaced.

Mr. Tyler explained the following upcoming new projects:

- The culvert at 166 South Spencer Road near the intersection of Hebert Road will be replaced. The same size pipe will be used. The new pipe will be HDP high density polyethylene. Ms. Washburn will inspect.
- The culvert at 10 Howe Road has failed and will be replaced.
- A catch basin and culvert will be installed at 77 Northwest Road, Dennis & Colleen Brunelle's driveway, to prevent ice build-up. The catch basin will make runoff go into a new pipe under his driveway.
- Route 31 will be reconstructed. Mr. Tyler said they want to go ahead and do the drainage maintenance now before the state re-constructs Route 31. Ms. Washburn asked if Route 31 will be closed. Mr. Tyler said no. He said he will put this project out to bid. Mr. Tyler said that none of the streams are perennial.
- Barclay Road will be resurfaced. Mr. Tyler said that Paxton is resurfacing their side of Barclay Road and it will be cheaper this way. Only 800 feet of the road is in Spencer.

Other Projects:

- South Spencer Road, Roger Plourde, is on hold.
- Culvert replacement at Ash Street and Holmes Street – the culvert will need to be bigger. Mr. Tyler said Ash Street needs a safe sidewalk for kids.

Other Projects that have been permitted but not done yet are: Lincoln Street, Fire Training Site, and the North Spencer Road flooding situation.

The Commission will do site visits with Mr. Tyler at 166 South Spencer Road, 10 Howe Road, and Barclay Road on April 28th at 1 p.m.

Mr. Snow will not be attending the next three (3) meetings.

New Applications: 35 Point Eastalee, NOI
 19 Sherwood Drive, RDA
 12 Ledge Avenue, RDA

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. (Bouley/Emerson) passed 5/0.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lisa Daoust, Senior Clerk
Development & Inspectional Services

Documents reviewed at the 4/8/15 Spencer Conservation Commission meeting:

Agenda for the 4/8/15 meeting
Margaret's report dated 4/8/15
Minutes from 3/11/15 meeting
Continuance form for 127 Ash Street (Spencer U&F), signed
Continuance form for 3 Lakeview Drive (Spencer U&F), signed
Continuance form for Burncoat Pond (Burncoat Pond Watershed District), signed
NOI file for 17 South Spencer Road
NOI file for 87 Lakeshore Drive
As-built plan for South Spencer Road Sanitary Landfill Site, submitted by Steven Tyler on 4/8/15
2015 Highway Department Projects folder