

Conservation Commission – Town of Spencer

Minutes



Conservation Commission Meeting
Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 7:00 PM
Town Hall, McCourt Social Hall

The Meeting was opened at 7 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Mary McLaughlin, Dana Reed, Margaret Emerson, James Bouley, Brian Graeff, John Haverty (arrived at 7:15)

Commissioners Absent: Warren Snow

Staff present: Margaret Washburn

Minutes Approved: April 13, 2016 – *A motion to approve as amended (Reed/Bouley) 5/0.*
April 27, 2016 – Table to June 8, 2016
May 11, 2016 – Table to June 8, 2016

Signed: 144 Mechanic Street, Order of Conditions (Special Order #75 was revised with a plan date of June 8, 2016)

2 Debbie Drive, Certificate of Compliance – The Commission did a site inspection. There were no issues. *A motion to issue a partial Certificate of Compliance (Graeff/Emerson) passed 5/0.*

7:20 p.m. Opened the Public Meeting for Request for Determination of Applicability for Dave McGowan

Property: 6 I Capen Road, Spencer, MA

Mr. McGowan said the roof runoff will be directed into a dry well. Ms. Washburn asked when work will begin. Mr. McGowan said work will start ASAP. Ms. Washburn will check the roof runoff recharge into the dry well in September.

A motion to close the public meeting (Reed/Emerson) passed 6/0.

A motion for a Negative Determination (Emerson/Bouley) passed 6/0.

7:25 p.m. Opened the Public Hearing for Notice of Intent for William Gribbons

Property: 81 Wilson Avenue, Spencer, MA DEP#293-0879

At the request of the applicant, the hearing has been continued to June 8, 2016.

7:27 p.m. Opened the Public Meeting for Request for Determination of Applicability for Michael Cole

Property: 32 Bond Street, Spencer, MA

The project is for a free-standing solar array. The Commission had no comments.

A motion to close the public meeting (Haverty/Reed) passed 6/0.

A motion for a Negative Determination (Graeff/Haverty) passed 6/0.

Other Business:

WPI Environmental Projects: Ms. Washburn said the first project that came to her mind was the nutrient management plan for Burncoat Pond. She asked if the Commission had any ideas. Ms. McLaughlin said the only other thing she could think of is the Boy Scouts Milfoil plan on Browning Pond. Mr. Graeff said some kind of program should be put together to increase the general public's understanding of the Wetlands Protection Act. Mr. Graeff said as a Commission, they would benefit from the students identifying where the most important wetlands in town are and why they are so important.

0 Woodbine Terrace: The Commission did a site inspection. Ms. Washburn read the site inspection report. The Commission told Ms. Washburn to send a letter to Sara Petrozzi reminding her about the upcoming court date and of the consequences if the terms of the court order are not met.

7 Debbie Drive: Ms. Washburn and Ms. Emerson inspected on May 17th because they noticed what appeared to be recently deposited fill in the buffer zone near the road. A request for a Certificate of Compliance was previously received but was denied because the cistern was not installed as per the storm water permit. Mr. Tyler sent an email to Ms. Washburn. The Commission read the email. Ms. McLaughlin read the Enforcement Order. *A motion to ratify the Enforcement Order (Graeff/Emerson) passed 6/0.*

Site Inspections: The Commission will do site inspections on Wednesday, June 1st at 5 p.m.

New Applications: 75 Borkum Road, RDA
20 Lake Whittemore Drive, NOI

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. (Emerson/Bouley) passed 6/0.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lisa Daoust, Senior Clerk
Development & Inspectional Services

Documents reviewed at the 5/25/16 Spencer Conservation Commission meeting:

Agenda for the 5/25/16 meeting
Margaret's report dated 5/25/16
Minutes from the 4/13/16 CC meeting (approved as amended)
Order of Conditions for 144 Mechanic Street (signed)
Continuance form for 81 Wilson Avenue (signed)
Certificate of Compliance for 2 Debbie Drive (signed)
RDA file for 6 I. Capen Road, including Negative Determination (signed)
RDA file for 32 Bond Street, including Negative Determination (signed)
Enforcement Order for 7 Debbie Drive (ratified)
Inspection report and photographs for 7 Debbie Drive
Inspection report and photographs of 0 Woodbine Terrace
Letter from National Grid dated 5/3/16