

Present: Elliott presiding, Boeing, Dinsmore, Rice, Absent: Masterson, Rand, Steeves

6/19/2018 - Minutes

1. Public Hearings, Public Meetings & Appointments

- A. 7:00 PM - Public Meeting Re: Request For Determination Of Applicability Filed By Paul Joyce To Determine If The Construction Of A Sewage Disposal System, Well, And House Are Outside The Jurisdiction Of The WPA And Pepperell Wetlands Bylaw At 70-A Wheeler Street.

Jack Visniewski, Cornerstone Land Consulting, represented the owner of the property Paul Joyce to explain the process. Visniewski said he is asking the Commission to determine if the project is within a jurisdictional area under the MA WPA or the bylaw. The plan shared with the Commission shows all work outside of the 100' buffer. While the project was originally flagged years ago, the wetland flags are still present in many locations because Norse Environmental uses thin wire to attach each wetlands flag. Rice suggested there be fencing i.e. snow fencing, silt fence, or a similar product installed at the 100' buffer to act as the limit of work, especially in the area of the septic system, because of its close proximity to the 100' buffer. It was suggested that NHESP be contacted for a determination letter, because the original determination letter was issued in 2003. No work shall begin until NHESP has provided a determination letter. On a motion from Elliott, seconded by Rice, all VOTED: to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability. The work is not within an area subject to the Act and a Notice of Intent is not required, unless an area subject to the Act is altered.

2. Review Of Draft Minutes

- A. Review Of Draft Minutes Of June 5, 2018

On a motion from Elliott, seconded by Rice all

VOTED: to accept the draft Minutes of June 5, 2018, as drafted.

3. For Signature: Schedule Of Bills Payable

None

4. Conservation Administrator's Report

- A. Division Of Ecological Restorations Priority Projects Application And Letter Of Support

The Squan-a-tissit Chapter of Trout Unlimited has prepared a priority projects application for submission to MA DER for the Sucker Brook Restoration Project. If the project is accepted, DER would assist with the project. A Letter of Commitment from the property owner (Conservation Commission) is required as part of the application and a Letter of Commitment was signed by the Commission.

- B. Natural History Walk, Sunday, July 8, 2018, 10:00 AM, Nissitissit Meadows, Prescott Street

Pat Swain Rice will lead a Natural History Walk on Sunday, July 8, 2018 at 10:00 AM at Nissitissit Meadows.

- C. 116-128 River Road Site Walk

A site walk will be scheduled for Friday, June 22 at 4:00 PM to walk the right of way and view the subdivision currently under construction on River Road.

5. Other Business

- A. Request For Certificate Of Compliance - 72 To 74 Wheeler, Paul Joyce, 259-0589

The work to complete the private roadway was completed and Visniewski has provided an as-built plan and a letter from an engineer stating substantial compliance with the approved plans. On a motion by Elliott, seconded by Rice, all

VOTED: to issue a Certificate of Compliance.

6. Matters That May Be Raised That The Chairman Didn't Reasonably Anticipate

A. Birch Drive Extension – Appeal by Neighbors of the Order of Conditions and Site Walk Thursday, June 28 at 9:00 AM.

A site walk with MassDEP is scheduled for June 28 at 9:00 AM to discuss the project known as Birch Drive Extension. The MassDEP sight walk is part of the appeal process. Neighbors have been alerted to the site visit and will meet with MassDEP on Birch Drive prior to the site walk.