

Town of Lakeville
Conservation Commission
August 23, 2022 at 7pm

Members present: Joseph Chamberlain, Mark Knox, Nancy Yeatts, John LeBlanc and Josh Faherty.
Members absent: Chairman Robert Bouchard. Member Chamberlain called the meeting to order at 7pm. This meeting was recorded by LakeCam.

19 North Precinct St. - RDA, Zenith Consulting Engineers. Jamie Bissonnette from Zenith was present for discussion. Certified mail receipts were handed in to the Commission. Mr. Bissonnette said this is for a repair/upgrade of an existing septic system for a single-family dwelling. The new system will be located in the front of the dwelling. The septic tank will be replaced with a new two-compartment tank as required. There are wetlands on both sides of the property and the rear. They have chosen the front-middle of the property to create the least amount of impact and still maintain separation distances to the on-site well. This septic design was approved by the Board of Health with a 1' water table reduction. The members agreed this was the best location for the system and it was as far away from the resource areas as you can get.

Upon a motion made by Member Yeatts, seconded by Member Knox, it was:

Voted: to issue a Negative 3 determination with condition that the Agent be called to inspect the hay bale line.

Unanimous approval.

147 Staples Shore Rd. - NOI, Zenith Consulting Engineers. Jamie Bissonnette from Zenith was present for discussion. Mr. Bissonnette said there was an issue with the notification to abutters. When they received the certified abutters list, two abutters to the north were inadvertently left off. They have since been notified, but in his opinion have not had proper time to receive notice and attend the meeting. They would like to ask for a continuance to the next available meeting. Member Chamberlain opened the hearing.

Upon a motion made by Member Knox, seconded by Member Yeatts, it was:

Voted: at the request of the representative, to continue to September 13th at 7pm.

Unanimous approval.

Member Chamberlain decided to take an agenda item out of order.

Tamarack Park - Larry Kernan and Eric Dochermont from Charles River Wheelers, a bicycle club based in eastern Massachusetts were present for discussion. They are a nonprofit whose mission is education of cyclists about bicycle safety and bicycle advocacy. They are planning a 100-mile event on September 18th and will be passing through Lakeville. This will be 300-400 riders over a three-hour period. This is not a race, it's a bike ride. Lakeville will be the 50-mile point on a 100-mile ride so the riders should be pretty disburbed by the time they get here. They would like to use Tamarack Park as a water stop with light refreshments. Member Yeatts said she didn't have a problem with them using the park, but it would be contingent upon the Select Board approval. Member Knox said he had two concerns. If they

were granted permission by the Select Board, that they would take measures to get some portable restrooms. And, where the Commission is custodians of the park, they would like to make sure that it was cleaned up when it's done. Member Yeatts asked about signage. Mr. Kernan said they would have signs for the riders. They went and inspected the park today and would like to enter at the second entrance into the park. There was a discussion about the entrances to the park. Member Knox asked for an estimated time that riders would be showing up. Mr. Kernan said the earliest would be coming in around 9:45 and the last would be leaving at 12:45. Some riders will go by without stopping and some would spend 10-20 minutes there. They will not have a table full of paper cups, there will be a big jug of water and everyone has their own water bottle, so there's very minimal waste. It is typically an 8' table with water jugs and maybe some snacks.

Upon a motion made by Member Yeatts, seconded by Member LeBlanc, it was:

Voted: to allow the Charles River Wheelers to use Tamarack Park as a stop for their event with the contingencies of Select Board approval and provide portable restrooms and clean up the mess if there is any.

Unanimous approval.

Community Preservation Committee - committee update discussion. Member Yeatts said they were having a training on the 13th from 5-7pm. They would like to stay and talk to the Commission after. She would like to make sure it gets on the agenda. They will be meeting with all the Boards to see what their priorities or ideas are. The Community Preservation Coalition will be providing the training. There was a discussion about the meeting times.

LeBaron Hills - Member Chamberlain asked if anyone had seen the hearings. Member Yeatts said she wished they had gotten their comments in first. She thought they should send in something since one of the buildings is in the 100' buffer zone. Member Chamberlain said it used to be that developers would come to Conservation first. Now, they get the other stuff first and then come to Conservation and say the other Boards have already given approval. Member Yeatts said there was a lot of missing information, like where the septic was going. Member Knox asked if they should send a recommendation to the Zoning Board of Appeals that the plan requires Conservation Commission review and filing. Conservation's approval process could change the plans so they should not be approved as drafted until Conservation signs off. Member LeBlanc asked if they would typically approve the plan with a contingency that it's approved by Conservation. Member Knox said if Conservation approved the plan and then it goes to the Zoning Board of Appeals and they change five little things, they're approving a different plan than Conservation is approving. Member Yeatts said the first thing they need is a peer review. She was concerned about the density of that much in the buffer zone. And the peer review that the ZBA would ask for would be different from the one Conservation would ask for. Member Yeatts said they were given water allocation for that project, so was there an amount on it? Member Knox said this project far exceeds what was originally allotted. You can't deny them the water, it's a 40B project. There was continued discussion about water allocation. The ZBA peer review would be more infrastructure, either it's capable or not capable of handling that expansion. Member Yeatts added that Conservation's peer review would be purely environmental.

303 Pond Lane - Consideration of request for emergency certification for treatment of infected Beech trees. Member Chamberlain said in two years there's likely not to be any Beech trees anywhere in

Massachusetts, anywhere in Ohio, anywhere in New Jersey due to nematodes. Beech Leaf Disease popped up in Ohio and then showed up in the middle of Massachusetts towards the end of 2021. Member Yeatts wanted to know what the treatment was. Member Knox said phosphate is the fertilizer treatment that works, that is not nitrogen-based. It can't be nitrogen based because it's in the buffer zone. The runoff would do damage to the resource area. Member Chamberlain said the homeowners were requesting to use polyphosphate 30. The way it is used is a narrow trench is dug around the tree and then pour it in the trench. Member LeBlanc asked if the homeowners were having this done professionally. Member Chamberlain said yes. Some arborists do soil injections with drills, going down 3-4' and injecting it. Member Yeatts asked how close to the water table would that be. She would like to see the proposal and get some help from DEP. There was continued discussion about Beech trees. Member Yeatts said the Commission needed more information. Member LeBlanc added that the homeowners need to tell us what they're going to use, how they're going to apply it, and what safety measures they're going to take with the wetland. Member Knox said one treatment is Triage, which is supposed to be injected, but it is very caustic. He wasn't sure if it's injected into the soil or injected into the tree itself. Member Chamberlain said he thought there was a fungicide that you could spray down the outside of the tree. Member Faherty asked how they identified that the trees were infected. Member Chamberlain said the leaves are curling and if you look at the top and bottom of them, they still look green, but there are dark green stripes. Member LeBlanc asked if there was a time issue with the treatment. Member Chamberlain said the treatment should be done in August and September. More information will be obtained for the September meeting.

Meeting Minutes - June 28, 2022

Upon a motion made by Member LeBlanc, seconded by Member Knox, it was:
Voted: to accept the June 28, 2022 Conservation meeting minutes.
Unanimous approval.

Adjournment - (7:37pm)

Upon a motion made by Member LeBlanc, seconded by Member Knox, it was:
Voted: to adjourn.
Unanimous approval.