

Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2014

The Conservation Commission held a meeting on July 8, 2014 in the Lakeville Public Library Meeting Room. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bouchard at 7:03 p.m. Members present were Robert Bouchard, Joseph Chamberlain, Linda Grubb, Hugh Rogers, Derek Maksy, Ryan Trahan and Martha Schroeder. Also present: Nancy Yeatts, Conservation Agent; and Jennifer Jewell, recording secretary.

7:00 PM 25 Twin Oaks – Denison, Request for Determination of Applicability

Chairman Bouchard read the legal notice into the record. David Denison was present. The Conservation Commission reviewed the filing and plan. It is for an aluminum roll in dock. This was project was discussed at the June meeting of the Commission. An RDA was recommended. There are no anchors, weights will be used to hold the dock in place.

Upon motion made by Member Maksy; seconded by Member Chamberlain, the Commission

**VOTED: To issue a Negative 2 and requested that a copy of the Chapter 91 license be provided when it is received.
 In favor 6, Abstain 1 (Member Rogers)**

Other Business

1. Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion made by Member Chamberlain; seconded by Member Maksy it was:

**VOTED: To approve the Conservation Commission meeting minutes of January 14, 2014 as presented.
 Unanimous in favor**

2. Keolis - Yearly Operating Plan (YOP) Review

Discussion took place on the Yearly Operating plan for the only commuter rail to Lakeville. Not the Fall River or New Bedford Line. Member Grubb will call K. Fair to request. (?)

3. Wetlands By-Law discussion

At the previous meeting of the Commission Chairman Bouchard proposed a vote to see if the Conservation Commission would continue to pursue the bylaw. He was met with limited support. Discussions have helped to resolve issues and work through jurisdiction/job. Member Maksy suggested to address more pressing concerns and to hold off on the bylaw, and find issues that are concrete. Chairman Bouchard suggested to approach some issues with other policies. Member Trahan suggested to approach the public education side, let the people know the job of the Conservation Commission and what's being protected. Member Maksy stated that without examples it is tough to educate people and get support. Member Grubb stated that a simple bylaw allows you to create regulations. Member Maksy asked if the Commission can create policies. Member Chamberlain noted that new people to the town can be supportive. Town Meeting attendees typically have an "agenda". Member Rogers asked how the 25' no touch policy began. Member Chamberlain stated that it was always an issue on lots coming before the Conservation Commission because of the leaves/lawn, etc. Ms. Yeatts stated that Taunton's regulations

are 25' and property abutting both towns Lakeville decided to use this going forward. You cannot deny based on 25' (?) Flooding impacts were discussed from the recent storm. Member Grubb stated that the Commission continue forward with bylaw discussions and work as a group to agree on it. The issues are; protecting vernal pools and spring fed streams. Member Rogers asked how it was going to be enforced? Member Grubb stated that the draft needs to be agreed upon otherwise the Commission is spinning its wheels.

Upon a motion made by Member Chamberlain; seconded by Member Maksy it was:

VOTED: To have the second meeting of the month of the Conservation Commission to work on the bylaw or policies.

In favor 6, Against 1 (Member Maksy)

Discussion took place of if the 25' no touch policy is in writing. People do abide by it, it is on their plans when they bring them in. Member Schroeder stated that if more lots are marginal, a layout can be done based on the least amount of impact. Such as with an open space residential subdivision. Less infrastructure is better for the town, there are less roads to plow/maintain. Additional land has to be protected. The Commission will work on outlining the issues that need to be prioritized.

4. 77 Pickens

Member Schroeder has not visited the site. There is a lot of re-growth. Ms. Yeatts will contact the owner by phone then through a letter and will call DEP if there is still no response.

Upcoming Meeting

The next meeting of the Lakeville Conservation Commission will be held at the Lakeville Public Library Meeting Room on August 12, 2014.

Upon motion made by Member Maksy; seconded by Member Chamberlain, the Commission

VOTED: To adjourn the Conservation Commission meeting at 9 PM.
Unanimous vote.

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