

**Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, November 18, 2014**

On November 18, 2014, the Conservation Commission held a meeting at 7:00 PM at the Lakeville Town Office Building – Conference Room. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Bouchard at 7:00 PM. Members present included: Robert Bouchard, Joseph Chamberlain, Linda Grubb, Hugh Rogers, Jr., Martha Schroeder, Ryan Trahan, Derek Maksy, Sarah Kulakovich, Associate Member and Nancy Yeatts, Conservation Agent. Members absent: There were no members absent. Also: Jennifer Jewell, Recording Secretary. LakeCAM was recording the meeting.

**7:00 PM RDA (Request for Determination of Applicability)    Lot 1, Crooked Lane, Knapp**

Chairman Bouchard read the notice of the hearing into the record. Peter Lyons was present from Collins Engineering with Mr. Knapp. The plans show all proposed structures. This will be for a single family house. Only a portion of the driveway and the lawn are within the 100' buffer zone. A silt fence is being proposed and a crushed stone tracking pad so that no dirt will be brought out onto the road. Ms. Yeatts stated that most of the work is basically 131' feet away. Ms. Yeatts recommended that the Conservation Commission issue a Negative Determination #3. Member Grubb asked how the garage would be accessed. Mr. Knapp responded that it is more of a shed that had been used as a workshop. Discussion took place of if there were other projects that would be desired on the lot and if there were could they be proposed at this time. Member Maksy cautioned approving any other work or buildings at this time.

**A motion was made by Member Chamberlain; seconded by Member Schroeder and it was:**

**VOTED: To close the hearing and issue a Negative 3 with no determination being made on the wetlands. The Conservation Agent stated that the applicant did not have to come in when the siltation barrier is installed.  
Unanimous in favor.**

**7:00 PM NOI (Notice of Intent)**

**4 Morrison Way – Sandra Frechette**

Chairman Bouchard read the notice of the hearing into the record. Rick Charron was present. He stated that the owner is making improvements to move in. Currently there is a cesspool on the premises and she would like to repair the septic system since there is a high water table and raise the leaching field. It is also intended to raise the house 30" with concrete sonar tubes installed underneath. This will allow for air circulation, crawl space and to have the pipes above the water table. This will then be beyond the flood zone line since it is 59' while the elevation for the flood zone is 55'. The latest maps for 57' from FEMA have not been accepted by the Town as of yet. If the newer flood zone maps are not approved then the owner will be grandfathered in to protect her investment and any future flood zone issues. The flood maps

change almost every three (3) years, particularly after a storm event. The septic tank system is beyond the 100' buffer zone. It is intended to put in hay bales to control things until the area is stabilized. There will be minimal excavation. But more when the septic system goes in. A small excavator will be used to install the sonar tubes. Ms. Yeatts stated that the house is 50' from the beach. The plan does not show the hay bales being contiguous. Mr. Sharron stated that he would draw in the rest of the hay bales. Ms. Yeatts stated that as long as it is made a condition he did not need to draw it in.

**A motion was made by Member Schroeder; seconded by Member Maksy and it was:**

**VOTED: To close the hearing and issue an OOC (Order of Conditions) with the special standard conditions of the Conservation Commission and having the hay bale line made contiguous.  
Unanimous in favor.**

### **Other Business**

#### **Island Road – Tree Cutting**

*Steve and Carol Rice were present for the discussion.* Ms. Yeatts stated that she had received a call that trees were being cut at Clark Shores. Ms. Yeatts performed a site visit where the land intersects at Shore Ave and Island Road. There is a canal and all wetlands in the area. Mr. Rice explained that he had intentions of only cutting up one tree which he believed had come down from the 1938 storm. The roots were in the swamp. When he was trying to take it down it got hung up on a dead pine and a small maple tree. So he cut down both of those trees. Ms. Yeatts stated that she recommended to issue a simplified permit, after the fact. Mr. Rice had immediately stopped work when she asked him to. Pictures were taken of the area. Member Maksy suggested that they file since it is within the 100' buffer. Ms. Yeatts stated that then this would mean two fees for the applicant, both for the RDA and for the public notice to be advertised in the newspaper. Chairman Bouchard recommended that a simplified permit be done now for the cost of \$50. If further work is to be done then Mr. Rice can reply for an RDA if any live trees are going to be taken down. Member Chamberlain noted that live trees are beneficial for the area since they take in water. Discussion took place regarding Mr. Rice's insurance company wanting trees taken down due to their liability. Ms. Yeatts suggested talking to the insurance company about only removing any limbs over the house or checking with other insurance companies about what they would want.

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

**VOTED: To approve a simplified permit for the work that has already been done at Island Road. No further cutting of the wood that has already been taken down until the permit has been issued. Also, no other tree cutting can be done unless the owner files an RDA.  
Unanimous in favor**

Columbia Gas, Taunton Street – COC (Certificate of Compliance)

Ms. Yeatts stated that she had visited the site regarding the work that Columbia Gas had done in the area of Cross Street and School Street. The work was done some time ago and they did such a good job melting the tar that you cannot even tell that the work had been done.

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

**VOTED: To approve the COC (Certificate of Compliance) for Columbia Gas for  
Taunton Street.  
Unanimous in favor**

21 Shore Avenue – COC

Ms. Yeatts had pictures regarding the site. All seems to be in order.

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

**VOTED: To approve the COC (Certificate of Compliance) for 21 Shore Ave.  
Unanimous in favor**

23 Shore Avenue – COC

Ms. Yeatts had pictures regarding the site. All seems to be in order.

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

**VOTED: To approve the COC (Certificate of Compliance) for 23 Shore Ave.  
Unanimous in favor**

Ms. Schroeder asked what could be planted on mounded septic systems. It was noted that you cannot plant trees or vegetables on them. There is a list of acceptable plants that the BOH (Board of Health) provides.

**Other Business**

Personnel Change

Ms. Yeatts explained that Ms. Jewell was asking for a temporary leave of absence from the Conservation Commission office. She is currently learning the Assistant Town Clerk's position in the Town Clerk office. There is no posting for Ms. Jewell's job at this time since there is not even a job description. This is being worked on. The matter was on the Selectmen's Agenda, however, they did not get to discuss it at their meeting. They were to vote to accept her letter of resignation on a temporary basis from December 2014 through April 2015. The position will need to be posted internally initially. Member Maksy stated that if the Selectmen want to meet to discuss this he would like to be included. There may also be other considerations such as seniority and the union. Ms. Yeatts stated that she needs someone in the office, she can carry things for a short time, however, someone needs to come in and work with Ms. Jewell to learn the position. Ms. Jewell stated that she has been putting together a procedure manual to help

someone new to the position. Ms. Yeatts added that the leave of absence may be permanent since Ms. Jewell may have an opportunity in that office for a permanent position. At this time the position is only temporary. Ms. Kulakovich suggested contacting MACC since a temporary person may not have the necessary expertise.

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

**VOTED: To approve the request by Ms. Jewell for a temporary leave of absence and to ask the Board of Selectmen to support the Conservation Commission by expediting the need to fill the position in Ms. Jewell's stead.  
Unanimous in favor**

#### Vigers Update

Ms. Kulakovich provided an update regarding the Boy Scout House. At this time there is a group of people who have agreed to work on the exterior of the building. The amount of money that has been raised is \$2400 to date. The cost to do both the interior and exterior work is about \$11,000. This amount may be able to be reduced to \$6000-\$7000. People have been providing private donations for the supplies to make the repairs. Member Grubb asked who would be maintaining the building if not even enough funds can be raised to renovate the building. Member Chamberlain stated that once people see things happening on the property and to the building they might become more interested in donating funds to see its final completion. There is plug in heat and electricity but not running water. Ms. Kulakovich stated that she would make a "thermometer" sign to put on the property to help generate interest on donating funds. Member Maksy suggested that something also be put on the Towns' website.

#### Approval of minutes – October 16, 2014

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

**VOTED: To approve the October 16, 2014 Conservation Commission meeting minutes with the one amendment to page 3, Agriculture Preservation Restriction (APR), not Agriculture Conservation Restriction.  
Unanimous in favor**

#### Old Business

There was no old business presented for discussion.

#### New Business

At this time the bills were distributed for explanation and signature. They consisted of supplies purchased at W. B. Mason, Winberg's True Value and a demand notice.

Ms. Yeatts stated that she would like to start increasing the children's books at the library that have to do with Conservation/Environment, etc. The book; "A Wetland's Walk" by Sheri Amsel

for \$6.95 is one of the books that she would like to purchase through the Diane Slocum Fund. It is a 32 page book and two copies for the library and one copy for the office would be beneficial. **Upon a motion made by Member Schroeder; seconded by Member Chamberlain it was:**

**VOTED: To approve the request to purchase three (3) copies of the book; “A Wetland’s Walk” by Sheri Amsel through the Diane Slocum Fund in the amount of \$6.95 per book. Two copies of the book will be placed in the dedicated space in the Children’s area at the library and one copy will be available in the Conservation Office.**

**Unanimous in favor**

### **Schedule next meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, December, 2015 at 7 PM.

### **Adjournment**

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

**VOTED: To adjourn the Conservation Commission meeting at 8:30 PM.**

**Unanimous in favor**

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