

**Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2013**

The Conservation Commission held a meeting on August 13, 2013 in the Lakeville Public Library Conference Room. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bouchard at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Robert Bouchard, Joseph Chamberlain, Linda Grubb, Derek Maksy, Martha Schroeder, and Ryan Trahan. Sarah Kulakovich, associate member; Nancy Yeatts, Conservation Agent; and Jennifer Jewell, recording secretary were also present.

7:00 p.m. – 16 Priscilla Drive

Bennett

Chairman Bouchard read the legal notice. Upon motion made by Member Chamberlain and seconded by Member Maksy the Commission

VOTED: To table the hearing until later in the meeting. Unanimous vote.

7:02 p.m. – 25 Twin Oaks

Denison

Chairman Bouchard read the legal notice. Jon Pink from AZOR Land Sciences, presented a Request for Determination of Applicability for the installation of a septic system and associated grading. There was a review of the plans. The existing cesspool will be filled. It was noted that the proposed septic tank will be approximately 40' to Assawompset Pond. Ms. Yeatts recommended the applicant file a Notice of Intent (NOI). Members Chamberlain and Bouchard review the site visit and Member Chamberlain voiced his agreement with Ms. Yeatts regarding the filing. Mr. Pink stated that because there was no alteration proposed to the resource area, it was not necessary to file an NOI. There was a review of the jurisdiction and stipulations for filing a NOI. It was stated that the abutters would be notified during the NOI filing process and all special and standard conditions would be enforceable. Ms. Yeatts voiced concern regarding the extent of work proposed for the slope. Site access was discussed. It was noted that two small pine trees will be removed. A dewatering pit will not be necessary. It was suggested the Commissioners visit the site. Upon motion made by Member Chamberlain and seconded by Member Maksy the Commission

VOTED: To continue the hearing to October 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Unanimous vote.

7:22 p.m. – 16 Priscilla Drive

Bennett

Darren Michaelis, from Foresight Engineering, presented a Notice of Intent for the construction of a drainage swale, rip rap aprons, leveling and planting all disturbed areas in the buffer zone and after-the-fact approval for the installation of underground utilities. John and Kerry Bennett, 16 Priscilla Drive and Frank and Carolyn Bartlett, 14 Priscilla Drive were present for the discussion. There was a review of the plans dated August 23, 2013 and existing site conditions were discussed. It was noted that the drain located in the buffer zone is not a roof drain and a rip-rap apron is proposed at the outfall. Stormwater runoff conditions were reviewed by Mr. Michaelis. The steel plates over the drainage ditch have been removed and the water has been redirected through a culvert. Member Bouchard noted the presence of siltation and evidence of water flow at the outfall of the drain. Mr. Michaelis stated that the water runoff affecting 14 Priscilla Drive is not originating from his client's lot. Members Trahan and Maksy voiced their concern that the utility trench was channeling underground water toward 14 Priscilla and suggested the use of a clay liner and/or mulch at a berm that will be located on the Bennett property. Site elevations were reviewed and it was noted that the mulch berm will not pool the excess water on 14 Priscilla Drive. Ms. Yeatts reviewed the original Order of Conditions. Mr. Bartlett reviewed site conditions and observations. Possible causes of the sheen on the runoff surface were discussed. Ms. Bennett discussed past communications with the Bartletts and the Conservation Commission and noted the Bennett's willingness to work to correct the outstanding issues. The Commission requested a

revised plan and narrative. It was requested that a cross section of the drainage swale and impermeable liner be shown. A site visit with all interested parties will be scheduled. Mr. Michaelis suggested that a Certificate of Compliance could be issued for the existing Order of Conditions and the shed and new work would be covered under this NOI filing. Upon motion made by Member Trahan and seconded by Member Chamberlain the Commission

VOTED: To continue the hearing to October 8, 2013. Unanimous vote.

25-Foot, No Touch Zone Policy

The 25' No Touch Zone policy cannot currently be used as the basis for a denial. It was suggested that the Commission draft a written policy and work to further define the term 'No Touch'. There was question as to whether this policy would apply to existing dwellings or be used for new construction only. It was stated that much could be open to interpretation. Member Grubb will draft a working document for the Commission to review.

Wetlands By-Law

There was discussion regarding holding an informational meeting for the general public. Member Trahan received the comments on the draft by-law and will revise the document for review at the October 8, 2013 meeting.

Art & Music Festival

The Conservation Commission and Open Space Committee will have a table at the festival. There will be displays for the Tamarack Park and Vigers Conservation area.

Treasurer

Member Grubb resigned as Treasurer of the Commission and offered to assist the transition for a new treasurer. There was a review of the responsibilities and signatory policies. Upon motion made by Member Schroeder and seconded by Chairman Bouchard the Commission

VOTED: To accept the resignation of Linda Grubb as Treasurer and appoint Derek Maksy. 4 in favor, Members Grubb and Maksy abstain. Motion carried.

Vigers

Long term, the archery program will not run at Vigers due to site constraints. There was discussion regarding bow hunting rules. As it is only allowed 500'+ from building in use, the available area at Vigers is marginal. It was suggested that the bow hunting sign be removed to allay concerns about using the property as some felt it implied that the property was only for bow hunting. Upon motion made by Member Maksy and seconded by Member Schroeder the Commission

VOTED: To remove the bow hunting portion of the sign. Unanimous vote.

There was discussion regarding the installation of boundary markers or signs along the property line. Member Trahan volunteered to assist in surveying the property line in the fall.

Membership

There was discussion regarding the applicants for the open seat on the Commission. It was noted that Pam Rasa served as a full, voting Commissioner. Upon motion made by Member Maksy and seconded by Member Schroeder the Commission

VOTED: To recommend to the Board of Selectmen that Hugh Rogers be appointed as a full member of the Conservation Commission. Unanimous vote.

Upcoming Meeting

The next meeting of the Lakeville Conservation Commission will be held on October 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lakeville Library Conference Room. Upon motion made by Member Chamberlain and seconded by Member Maksy the Commission

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m. Unanimous vote.