

Town of Lakeville
Conservation Commission
Tuesday September 24, 2019
7:00PM – Lakeville Senior Center

Members present: Chairman Bob Bouchard, Mark Knox, Rick Hagerman, and Joe Chamberlain. Members absent: Josh Faherty, John LeBlanc.

RDA Cross St. Lot A – Chairman Bouchard read the legal notice into the record. Nyles Zager from Zenith Consulting Engineers was present for discussion. This project involves a temporary wetland crossing. They are looking to do a perc test in an upland area of the site. Chairman Bouchard asked if any test pits had been done there before. Mr. Zager said this lot fronts to 74 Taunton St. and was a piece of property the clients purchased 2-3 years ago. A Form A lot was split off and then there is the existing lot where their house is. The owners are looking to get one additional lot out of the parcel; they aren't looking to develop any further because of the proximity to their horses and paddocks. Member Chamberlain asked if they would put down mats to get through or if they could get through without moving things too much. Mr. Zager said they would be using a mini-excavator to access the area which will leave very little mess. There was a discussion regarding the site. Member Chamberlain asked what the distance was from Cross St. to the proposed perc site. Mr. Zager said it was about 220', with about 100' within the wetlands. Chairman Bouchard said when you go north on Cross St. it looks like an open area that looks like a field. Could there be access to that area if you went in that way along the back side? Mr. Zager said that the owners of that property were not amenable to that. They will be going through the wetland vegetation, matting it down, and letting it restore on its own. If the perc goes well, they will come back with a plan. Chairman Bouchard asked if he could be notified when the perc would take place so he could go out to the site.

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

Voted: to close the hearing and issue a negative determination for Lot A Cross Street RDA. With the only stipulation that the agent be notified when the perc test will take place.

Unanimous in favor.

Review and approve meeting minutes from July 23rd 2019 –

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

Voted: to approve the July 23rd, 2019 Conservation Commission meeting minutes as drafted.

Unanimous in favor.

Review and approve meeting minutes from August 31, 2019 –

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

Voted: to approve the August 31, 2019 Conservation Commission meeting minutes as drafted.

Unanimous in favor.

Water run-off from Lion's Club – (not on agenda) Joe Urbanski was present for discussion regarding water run-off from the Lion's Club property down on to Old Main Street. Mr. Urbanski said that when they reconfigured the area, removing the green houses, the property was configured in a mushroom shape. The property is high and then the run-off rolls off to the street level. Since the 50's or 60's the area has been maintained by Plymouth County Mosquito, they have taken care of the ditches and make sure the water run-off flowed correctly. There are now pockets of water collecting in the area which are breeding mosquitoes. There is a ditch on Mr. Urbanski's property which has allowed the water to run down into the Bates Brook. The water has now increased dramatically and can no longer handle the flow of water. The ditch now will fill up and back up onto Mr. Urbanski's property. Plymouth County Mosquito came out to the site and proposed a plan for the run-off. They will supply the manpower and equipment but would like the Commission to take care of the paperwork. Chairman Bouchard said that it is possible that the pockets are the result of ground water. There was a brief discussion regarding the paperwork that should be filed. Member Knox suggested Mr. Urbanski get in touch with the City of Taunton since they own the property that the work will be on.

Adjournment –

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

Voted: to adjourn.

Unanimous in favor.