

TOWN OF WESTHAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING Minutes

For the Westhampton Conservation Commission meeting on April 5, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. in their office at the Westhampton Town Hall, #1 South Road Westhampton

Members Present: Fred, Alyson, Bill, Brad, Jessica (recording)

Also in attendance: Janna Ugone, Peter Whalen, Jeff Squire, Mark Wamsley (Kestrel)

1. Call to Order: 7:00 pm

2. Accept Minutes meeting of: March 15, 2023

3. Review correspondence: MA Wildlife—bio map update to be sent; correspondence re: NOI for 37 East Shore Road

4. Old/Ongoing Business: **NOI public hearing, 37 East Shore Road**; Jana Ugone and Peter Whalen, property owners; presentation of plans by Jeff Squire (Berkshire Design Group);

Hearing Opens: 6:57pm

Jeff Squire presents plans for construction/renovation/tree removal/clearing/replanting project. Grading and excavation equipment necessary; additional culvert necessary but with erosion control and silt fences

Hearing Ends: 7:25 pm

Meeting Resumes: 7:26 pm

Cons Com votes to approve project and will draft OOC with special conditions attached, will send electronically (when work is completed, they will need COC);

Brad **signed building permit** (Dragon property): no WPA issues

5. New Business: Mark Wamsley (Kestrel) regarding possible purchase of CR property, Norton/Garfinkel property, 116 acres, steep, forested, no frontage, watershed protection area= good watershed protection purchase; Kestrel would hold the CR;
Request for letter of support from Cons Com for grant application; property good for wildlife connectivity/corridors, conserve forest land; Tighe Carmody water shed land and multiple private property owners; currently, no formal appraisals or agreements; public access questions remain; most land is in Southampton, but two parcels are located within Westhampton; Cons Com votes to submit letter of support for CR application;
Possible purchase of second property, 15 acres possible for CR on Geryk parcel

6. Agenda next mtg to Town Clerk's mailbox: Agenda/Notice will be sent to Town Clerk for April 19, 2023

7. Adjourn: 8: 20pm