

TOWN OF WESTHAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING Minutes

For the Westhampton Conservation Commission meeting on March 17, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. in their office at the Westhampton Town Hall, #1 South Road Westhampton MA

Zoom meeting

Members Present: Fred, Elvira, Jessica (recording)

1. Call to Order 7:00 pm

2. Accept Minutes meeting of: March 3, 2021—accepted by all

3. Review correspondence: None. No new mail

4. Old Business: EnterSolar project, Montague Rd.—Fred sent another letter to Bob Miller, Superintendent of the project, concerning lack of cover crop and mulch on the east end of the south array that could lead to potential erosion troubles after thaw

5. New Business: Public Safety Complex Notice of Intent (site visit took place 3/6/2021 Fred, Jessica, Brad, Laurie Sanders)

Hearing begins: 7:17pm—Present at PSC NOI hearing: Laurie Sanders, David Kelley, civil engineer, Meridian Associates, Nicole Rainville, Steve Holt, Morley and Tom Cleary, Pandora Redwin, Lance Kirley, Steve Gagne, David White, Emily Estes, architect

Laurie, Steve, David Kelley, civil engineer, Meridian Assoc.), Steve reporting on behalf of PSC

David Kelley discusses and clarifies site: eastern portion of buffer zone 100 ft.

(plans have been provided to Cons Com for review); erosion control for demolition and construction; drainage, water tanks, septic (to be filed with Board of Health), grading near/within resource area; encroachment on back slope—split rail fence to prevent dumping into resource area;

DEP (Mark Stinson, not present) comments (refer to email) regarding buffer zone/resource area: too small to be considered a stream, underground drainage on property, removal of infiltration system not necessary, precipitation/rain amounts taken into consideration; developed buffer zone area—will replant vegetation along disturbed areas behind PSC (except in area reserved for snow storage);

Morley & Tom Cleary inquire about planting of vegetation—will area be lit up?

Ellie—security, cameras? Yes

Steve: wetlands issues being taken into account in regards to catch basins, storm water management; building will be positive for the environment and the perennial stream, etc.

Laurie: will be an improvement

Fred asks about storage of equipment during demolition and construction; will be stored on and off site and in salt shed;

Cons Com votes to approve PSC NOI at 7:35: will file paperwork; Cons Com (Fred) will complete OOC for NOI

Hearing closes: 7:35 pm

14 Shaw Rd., RDA --Pandora Redwin, property owner, also present Lance Kirley, project coordinator—

Cons Com needs hardcopy of paperwork—Working on Determination of Applicability for RDA (new house and septic)

Fred: questions about location/position of leach field/septic—very close to wet meadow—is there room to move leach field further away from wetlands?

Pandora and Lance agree that's possible

Lance: everyone, including Todd Alexander, excavator, will track and do best to impact wetland buffer as little as possible

Fred: can driveway be curved in order to adjust location of leach field?

Lance and Pandora: flexibility exists, trying to maintain natural/organic setting as much as possible; will consider relocating septic/leach field, strategically placed boulders, hope not to use stone retaining wall to preserve organic feel of the property, will avoid impacting wetland, can arrange another site visit, if necessary

Cons Com agrees retaining wall not necessary; plans will be updated; hit water well-drilling—all good

Fred asks about water for barn—also from new well

Cons Com will fill out paperwork for RDA for 14 Shaw Rd. and send copies to everyone: property owners, including Mark Stinson, DEP, signatures needed from Cons Com for building permit

Permission for Bear Research Study, Mass Department of Fish and Wildlife: Conservation Commission accepts proposal and Fred will notify Mass Bears

Pine Island Lake NOI/OOC—(refer to emails/comments from Mark Stinson, DEP) need file number;

Cons Com needs to draft, edit, and agree to Order of Conditions

Emily Estes, architect, on behalf of Peter Whalen, property owner, 44 Pine Island Lake

Presents preliminary plans: and asks about process to follow for construction to be built on existing footprint; foundation has structural issues; lift up house to re-dig concrete piers (not block piers), then turning house to present/face parallel to lake; footprint remains the same, but will add loft space to second story;

Emily: Is RDA or NOI required?; project in early planning stage

Ellie and Jessica: same footprint?

Ellie: how will house be held up during construction? Good question; will be looked into

Fred: asks about digging of new piers; will it be done by hand or by machinery? Cons Com could and likely will request hand digging,

Fred—what about piles of sediment during construction? How/where will it be stored? Piles of earth and sand must be covered to avoid run off, etc., slope of roof (same dimensions?),

FRED believes RDA is sufficient; Ellie and Jessica agree

RDA (form 1) will be submitted (hard copies will be sent to town hall, as well as to Cons Com for review, and then Cons Com will draft/provide Determination of Applicability

6. Agenda: Next Notice of meeting/Agenda will be sent to Town Clerk's mailbox for April 7, 2021

7. Adjourn: 8:14 pm