

## **TOWN OF WESTHAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

### **MEETING Minutes**

For the Westhampton Conservation Commission meeting on April 21, 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)**

Also present at meeting: Emily Estes, (architect), Peter Whalen and Janna Ugone, property owners, 44 Pine Island Lake; Laurie Sanders

1. Call to Order: 7:00 pm

2. Accept Minutes meeting of: April 7, 2021: minutes accepted by Commission members

3. Review correspondence: Certificate of Compliance, PIL; submitted by Jim Jewell; PIL has complied with drawdown regulations (This is related to a drawdown from several years ago;

ZBA Application for Special Permit (variance), I Main Rd., Wesley Fortier and Jesse Fortier, Megan Conner Dragon, applicants; no wetlands, not within Cons Com jurisdiction

4. Old Business: Order of Conditions for Public Safety Complex—Fred delivered paperwork to Steve Holt;

DOA, Shaw Rd., Redwin property: paperwork delivered by Fred

5. New Business: Continuation of Hearing/Order of Conditions, Kings Highway, Pelletier, property owner; Peter La Barbera on behalf of Pelletier's:

Waiting on paperwork; continued until next meeting, May, 5, 2021;

Request for DOA, 44 Pine Island Lake (East Shore Rd.), Whalen and Ugone, property owners; Emily Estes, architect: Emily Estes updates on existing plan; no changes; slight rotation of house? Emily reports that it actually improves the situation. No further review necessary, not yet submitted for building permit. Cons Com approves DOA and will fill out paperwork; Cons Com will sign off and deliver paperwork to Emily Estes and Mark Stinson (DEP);

Solar Panel site, 250 Southampton Rd., Allison Smith, property owner; Rachel Brusso, project manager: Fred visited site and determined that the proposed site is not near any wetlands; Fred contacted Todd Alexander to give building permit OK

MVP (Municipal Vulnerability Plan): Cons Com needs to further discuss/review: Laurie Sanders attends meeting to answer questions and explain Plan ; (Brad and Ellie do not approve of sending letter of support); 2 projects: Master Plan for Town and update of Open Space and Recreation Plan; no additional request for funding is required; consultants would work with community volunteers; important for town to get future grants and funding to deal with climate change; etc. Town is required to have updated Open Space and Recreation Plan—MVP would provide grant money to update Master Plan, etc.; Laurie believes this plan would not increase taxes; perhaps Brad doesn't completely understand Plan's relationship to taxes; Ellie: has concerns about increased taxes (and whether this plan is necessary); however, taxes are not at issue in regards to this plan;  
Laurie: MVP does not trigger the Community Preservation Act (they are totally separate)—CPA would have to be approved by Town Meeting; Town must have Open Space and Recreation Plan; grant money would provide for outside consultants; town representatives will advise; this plan would set groundwork and provide opportunity to receive funding to update preparedness for severe weather, to update mitigation services, etc.;

Deadline is May 7; Cons Com will attend informational Zoom meeting and further discuss at next meeting; Ellie wants to look at current plan; Fred will get/forward copy

Sodom Brook/Campground Dumpster? Cons Com will check into this issue; Fred will contact Mark Stinson about whether dumpster is too close to stream;

Fred: concerned about Solar Site, Fred visited Montague Rd., Solar Site; very little erosion troubles; some issues remain and silt fence, etc., must be attended to; not enough grass seed was sown; reseeding is necessary; no grass, bare ground; Fred will contact Rob Miller (project coordinator) to remind him to attend to these issues; if non-compliant, it's possible that enforcement order would be necessary;

6. Agenda next mtg to Town Clerk's mailbox: Next Agenda/Notice of Meeting will be sent to Town Clerk's mailbox for May 5, 2021

7. Adjourn: 7:59pm