

TOWN OF WESTHAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING Minutes

For the Westhampton Conservation Commission meeting on July 21, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. in their office at the Westhampton Town Hall, #1 South Road Westhampton MA

Members Present: Fred, Brad, Jessica (recording)

Also present: Bill and Lynn Truswell, Jim Gracia, engineer, Dan Nitzche (GZA), Michael Kelsei

1. Call to Order: 7:00 pm

2. Accept Minutes meeting of: July 7, 2021

3. Review correspondence: email from PIL/JimJewell, regarding individual v. joint permission to repair docks and retaining walls, etc. during lake drawdown;

Mark Stinson, DEP, email regarding Truswell property, 193 Main Rd.-- NOI application paperwork and fee

4. Old Business: site visits:

Roxy Schneider: 40 East Shore Rd.— based on site visit, 7/13, Cons Com approves tree removal and dock replacement; (REVISE at next meeting)

Peter Bigwood, 39 East Shore Rd.—based on site visit 7/13, Cons Com approves stairs replacement;

EnterSolar, 27 Montague Rd. solar project: site visit still pending to determine status—UPDATE at next meeting

5. New Business: Bill and Lynn Truswell, property owners, 193 Main Rd.—Order Of Conditions and NOI for construction of home and driveway within wetlands area/buffer zone; (According to email from Mark Stinson, DEP, additional information and additional fee is required before file number can be issued)

Also in attendance: Jim Gracia, engineer and Dan Nitzche (GZA) on behalf of property owners

NOI Hearing begins at: 7:10pm: Fred explains Mark Stinson's email from July 13, to Dan Nitzche, regarding problems with NOI application paperwork; property, and filing fee (see email)—wetlands all over property; filing fee inadequate; needs extra \$500 for wetland crossing; Dan Nitzche disagrees with Mark Stinson's assessment regarding fee; Stinson suggests culverts; Nitzche disagrees, believes wetlands will always get groundwater flowing through; groundwater hydrology not affected, and therefore, culverts not necessary;; he believes Stinson is referring to surface flow; they will be filing with Army Corps of Engineers; ; Gracia explains that there is enough clearance for culvert; crushed stone under gabions; retaining wall; mitigation 1:1; shrubs and herbaceous species will be planted on wetland side as buffer; Nitzche will address these issues with Mark Stinson before next meeting and fee will be filed;

Hearing continued at: 7: 33pm

Hearing to be continued at next meeting, August 4, along with effort to complete OOC

Brad: hearing for Chuck Conners' property on Blueberry Hill, scheduled for next meeting; --Cons Com will set up site visit; UPDATE SITE VIST

Brad says he noticed sewage smell emanating from campground vicinity, spoke to Ron Levigne, engineer, regarding this issue, and Levigne said that it could also be related to septic systems of neighboring houses;

Aaron Bower (Ellie's son—SPELLING?)—interested in becoming Cons Com member—he's not a resident, but he's a property owner—no issue; Alyson Albitz also interested in becoming member—both will likely attend next meeting; Fred mentions Ray Fontaine as possible member

PIL/Jim Jewell: request for joint permission from property owners to repair docks and retaining walls, etc. during lake drawdown; Cons Com would require individual applications, but basic decking repairs not under our jurisdiction

6. Agenda next mtg to Town Clerk's mailbox: Agenda/Notice of Meeting will be sent to Clerk's mailbox for August 4, 2021

7. Adjourn: 7: 55pm