

MINUTES

Town of Washington Conservation Commission

THURSDAY – MAY 16, 2019

6:30 PM - TOWN HALL

Members Present:

Eyal Shapiro
Lisa Peltier
Trish Drugmand
Shaun Lennon
Michelle Lampro

Members Absent:

Others Present:

Aaron Biasin - Berkshire Engineering for Upper Valley Rd COC
Kent Lew - in regard to running lines for high speed internet project

6:30 pm - **Michelle called the meeting to order**

Items discussed:

Request for Certificate of Compliance - DEP File # 320-0032 - Upper Valley Rd Lot 6R

Michelle visited the site before the meeting - the home owners were there. She found that the metal stakes were pounded into the ground with ribbons (meant to be temporary) running from top of stake to near by trees. The tops of the stakes were pounded in so that the tops were level with the ground. The commission members reminded Aaron that the purpose of the stakes was to create a visible delineation line that would be apparent to anyone who was looking into the woods and that they were not acceptable as they are now. The Commission asked that they stick out of the ground at least 18” and be buried enough so that they are not easily removed. He will address the issue and get back to the Commission when the stakes have been changed.

Installation of underground conduit for high-speed internet lines:

Eyal expressed concern about work being done on Lower Valley Rd and any work in the future that may be in areas of concern to the Conservation Commission. Kent explained that the work was being done under the 310 CMR 10.02 exemption for utilities. There was discussion about how to proactively address possible issues with homeowners that will want underground connections to their homes. Kent would like to stay ahead of it by identifying said homes and letting the homeowners know what they will need to do in the case of a wetland concern. The Commission members agreed and we will work together to develop a strategy by using the GSI maps to identify possible areas of concern - keeping in mind that the maps are an estimation and that site visits and possible delineations will be required.

Roger & Lisa Peltier's property - Peer's Pond beaver debris at dam:

Lisa recused herself and presented the members with a letter from Roger outlining the issue of built up beaver debris at the dam and his proposed course of action. Michelle had made a site visit before the meeting and found that the debris was parted and piled alongside the top of the dam - drying out. The water was flowing at a 'nice' rate. The Commission is ok with the plan to clean it out in order to maintain a safe water level and asked Lisa to inform Roger that if he expects a deluge of water release at any point, he is to inform the neighbors and the local police person ahead of time to make sure proper precautions are taken - ie - cones in roadway to warn traffic on Upper Valley Rd. near the site.

Shaun Lennons property on Frost Rd :

Shaun brought along plans for the commission to look at and give some feedback in regard to putting in a common driveway for 3 connected parcels for future development. Crossing Depot Brook is unavoidable - which makes a common driveway the best option. No conclusions or decisions were made - it was simply a discussion.

RDA - Kayla Farrell for property on Washington Mtn Rd. - lot between 1710 and 1796:

We looked at an RDA that was in the Commission's mailbox tonight. Lisa made copies for everyone and we looked at it briefly. We will schedule a meeting and a site visit to look at the proposed project which is upgrading an existing access rd/logging rd to a gravel driveway.

7:35 pm – meeting adjourned

Minutes: May 16, 2019