

MINUTES

Town of Washington Conservation Commission

THURSDAY – May 30, 2019

6:30 PM - TOWN HALL

Members Present:

Eyal Shapira
Trish Drugmand
Lisa Peltier
Michelle Lampro

Members Absent:

Shaun Lennon

Others Present:

Dave & Kayla Farrell - Hill-Engineers - prospective buyers - Washington Mtn Rd property
Greg - Hill Engineers

6:30 pm - Michelle called the public hearing to order

Items discussed:

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

RDA is to upgrade existing access/logging road to a gravel driveway - running from Washington Mountain Rd entrance into the property approximately 300 ft. According to the GIS map, most of the 300 ft goes through vegetated wetland. Greg explained that they will pull back the vegetation that has grown on the old gravel, lay down drainage fabric, and cover with gravel and crushed stone. The Commission agreed that the old road should be able to support an excavator and trucks required for the job. Trish voiced that she would like to see waddles placed along work area and Greg agreed. Lisa voiced that the road should not be made wider and that no chemicals shall be used to defoliate area and the only excavation to be done will be to pull vegetation off the existing road. The Commission spoke about the need for a culvert at the Washington Mtn Rd entrance and how that will be part of the driveway curb cut / permit application. Michelle will contact Tom Johnson at the town's DPW to discuss and confirm. The Commission voted unanimously to accept the RDA as presented with a negative finding and conditions attached.

6:54 pm - Michelle closed public hearing and opened meeting

Paul Tesoniero's property on Lovers Lane Rd:

Michelle shared emails and history of said email transactions between herself and Paul - along with a delineation report from Shannon Boomsma from White Engineering Inc. Paul had reached

out via email on Jan 2, 2019 asking that the Commission present a letter to the building inspector stating that the Conservation Commission will sign off on a building permit - based on a sketch that was approved in 2015 for a driveway permit. Michelle responded via email - that given the house footprint on said sketch falls within a wetland area that shows up on the GIS map, a wetland delineation needs to be performed. Michelle received a delineation report dated May 28, 2019. The Conservation Commission scheduled a site visit for Sunday, June 2. Michelle will reach out to Paul and Shannon, asking that they meet the Commission on site.

20 Watson Rd. - un-permitted work being done in resource area:

Michelle received an email from Aaron Harrington asking if the Commission was aware of work being done in wetlands and if it had been permitted. Michelle responded that it had not been permitted and that the Commission was meeting on May 30th and would discuss then. Michelle did a drive-by inspection and found that top soil had been removed in a substantial area of wetland resource area and buffer zone. The Commission voted unanimously to issue a Cease & Desist Order.

7:30 pm – Eyal made motion to adjourn - all voted in favor.

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