

TOWN OF PRINCETON

BOARD/COMMITTEE: PRINCETON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

DATE: March 22, 2022

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Town Hall Annex

Note: this public meeting and public hearing were conducted in person at the Annex, with a remote teleconferencing option available for public participation. Public participation details were posted with the agenda.

Members in attendance: Brian Keevan, Victoria Taft, Barbara Laughlin, Rachael Catlow, and Bonnie Hirsh

Members in attendance remotely: None

Applicants and others in attendance: Trevor Fletcher from GRAZ Engineering, Patrick Brady, Scott Jordan from EcoTec, Brandon Ducharme from David E. Ross Associates, and Paul Kuokkanen from Compass Builders

Applicants and others in attendance remotely: Peter Engle of McClure Engineering.

Votes taken in the following actions are “all in favor” unless noted otherwise.

Brian Keevan called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the February 15th, 2022, meeting were approved with minor amendments.

Item 1: 7:04 – 7:20 p.m. Continuation of Public Hearing for NOI (*DEP File# 267-0439*) filed by Patrick Brady for construction of single-family home and septic system on Old Brooks Station Road, Map 14 Parcel 52-1. A revised plan (dated 2-23/2022) was presented at the meeting by the applicant Patrick Brady and applicant's representative Trevor Fletcher of Graz Engineering. Activities within jurisdictional areas include limited grading and clearing, and no actual structures are proposed within the buffer zone. The intermittent stream running easterly through the property was determined by DCR to not be a jurisdictional Tributary under the Watershed Protection Act; it is still an Outstanding Resource Water however since it flows to a drinking water supply.

The PCC voted to issue an Order of Conditions at 7:20 p.m., with one special condition that the outstanding wetlands report be submitted to the PCC.

Item 2: 7:20 – 7:36 p.m. Continuation of Public Hearing for NOI (*DEP File# 267-0438*) Filed by Patrick Brady for construction of single-family home and septic system on Old Brooks Station Road, Map 14 Parcel 52-1A. A revised plan (dated 2-23/2022) was presented at the meeting by the applicant Patrick Brad, and applicant's representative Trevor Fletcher of Graz Engineering. Revisions to the plan included wetland flags, limit of work, and placement of boulders. Most of the home construction, driveway and the well are in the jurisdictional buffer zone area. The septic system as shown is mostly outside of the area.

The PCC voted to issue an Order of Conditions at 7:36 p.m., with special conditions including subject to Title 5 Compliant Plan and BOH Approval, submittal of outstanding Wetland Report, and that the applicant must construct a permanent delineation of the limit work in the form of a line of boulders or suitable alternative subject to PCC approval.

Item 3: Opening of a Public Hearing for Notice Of Intent by the Town of Princeton (*DEP File# 267-0440*) for repaving and widening of Coal Kiln Road and Forslund Road. – Scott Jordan (EcoTec) presented plans for the paving project. A site walk was conducted by Bonnie, Brian, and Victoria on Sunday, 3/20/2022. The road will be widened by 6” on each side for safety purposes, necessitating the submittal of the NOI rather than a RDA. Existing paving will be reclaimed and 4” of asphalt will be added on top. Peter Engle of McClure Engineering confirmed that SWPP reports would be required for the project. There are two locations on Forslund Road which require erosion control and several areas on Coal Kiln Road. All existing drainage patterns will be maintained, and 6” compost socks will be used to provide erosion control protection near resource areas. There are no country drainage improvements being proposed. The commission proposed several erosion control additions to the applicant and requested that section B of the NOI form be revised with updated temporary impact calculations as well as other minor NOI revisions.

The Commission voted to continue to the next meeting, tentatively March 29.

Item 4: Public Hearing for a Notice of Intent filed by Compass Builders (David E Ross Associates Representative) for construction of a single-family home, septic system, and driveway on Lot C, Houghton Road, Map 13 Parcel 1C. No file number has been issued at the time of the meeting. – Brandon Ducharme from David E. Ross Associates and Paul Kuokkanen from Compass Builders presented the plan for the single-family home. There will be two 12” pipes placed at the beginning of the driveway to allow flow to continue under the driveway. The applicant asserted that the flow is not an intermittent stream, and there was some discussion regarding this. The location of the house is 500’ from the road in a location near a wetland. The groundwater is shallow at the house location being 2 feet deep. There are no WsPA zones on the lot, but all wetlands are ORW and the septic system is located to meet Title V setbacks. Abutters of 19 Houghton Road voiced concerns about potential impacts to drinking (well) water and potential water in the basement.

The public hearing was continued to the next regularly scheduled Conservation meeting.

Bonnie left at 9:27 p.m.

Commission Other Business, Mail, Procedures, etc.:

A Water Quality Certificate was issued by DEP for Wachusett Mountain ski area dam removal; members were asked to review and provide any comments by the next meeting.

Forest Cutting Plan(s): None

Meeting ended at 9:33 pm

Respectfully submitted, Rachael Catlow