

TOWN OF PRINCETON

BOARD/COMMITTEE: PRINCETON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

DATE: April, 19 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, Bonnie Hersh

Members in attendance remotely: None

Applicants and others in attendance: Alan and Melissa Hawthorne, Marsha and Greg Dowdy, Sean Conway, Two potential Concom Applicants: Bryanna Weigel and Jenny Sanders

Applicants and others in attendance remotely:

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

Brian Keevan called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the March 29th, 2022, meeting were approved

Item 1: 7:01 – 7:29 p.m. Continued Public Hearing for a Notice of Intent (DEP File #267-0441) filed by Compass Builders (David E. Ross Associates, Inc., representative) for construction of a single-family home within the buffer zone on Lot C, Houghton Road, Map 13 Parcel 1C. Submitted a revised form 3 for a bad latitude/longitude, updated owner is now Paul, two upgradient wetlands (representatives from David E Ross and Compass Builders). (see April 19th letter for Summary of Requirements). The applicant's representative determined that there is no BWV associated with the drainage that flows under the proposed driveway location. The Commission voted to continue this hearing to June in order to review an increased culvert size to one 36-inch diameter culvert with a natural bottom.

Item 2: 7:31 – 8:38 p.m. Public Hearing for a Notice of Intent (DEP File #267-0442) filed by Melissa and Allan Hawthorne for new single-family home and septic construction on a new ANR lot at 143 Ball Hill Road. Doug Andrysick, representing project owner (Marsha and Greg Dowdy) and proposed owners Alan and Melissa Hawthorne. An ANR was presented. South Wachusett Brook runs on the property. Impacts to the resource area include minor grading and vegetation removal (4,500sq ft of vegetation). No NHESP letter has been issued as of yet, but they are asking the applicant to provide a map of the proposed site before a letter is issued. DEP submitted comments regarding the forestry work being performed in the riverfront protection area on the site. The commission discussed whether the forestry processing is exempt under the agricultural provision of the WPA. Review the site to look for any impacts to the Brook from the ongoing activities. A site walk will be scheduled.

Item 3: 7:31 – 7:31 p.m. Four Corners Farm Plan: review and discuss; schedule site tour. Postponed.

Item 4: Review Project Notification Form from DCR re: house demolition on Westminster Road. Reviewed and determined there are no wetland impacts.

Commission Other Business, Mail, Procedures, etc.:

Bonnie's update on the Solar Farm working group. The location has some wetlands and a stream crossing (off Hubbardston road). Plan is to get a private developer to own and run the solar farm. There will be a site visit on April 30th at 11.

Forest Cutting Plan(s): None

Meeting ended at 8:59 pm

Respectfully submitted, Rachael Catlow