

TOWN OF PRINCETON

BOARD/COMMITTEE: PRINCETON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

DATE: August 16, 2022

TIME: 7:00 PM

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, Jenny Sanders, Jennifer Vuona

Members in attendance remotely: Bryanna Weigel

Applicants and others in attendance: Scott Peoples

Applicants and others in attendance remotely: Carla Volturo

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

Brian Keevan called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Approval of minutes: Minutes from the July 19, 2022 meeting were approved with minor revisions at 7:11 PM.

Item 1: 7:11 PM – 7:15 PM Continue Public Hearing for unnumbered NOI for new house and septic on Ball Hill Road, Lake Hill LLC. Received an email from applicant yesterday afternoon saying engineers had not yet finished revised plan for this lot. So they are requesting continuance to next meeting, September 20th. Commissioners voted to continue the hearing.

Item 2: 7:15 PM – 7:56 PM Public hearing for a Notice of Intent (no DEP file # yet) submitted by People's Engineering for a septic system repair for David and Linda Milton at 196 Mirick Road. Scott Peoples presented application materials and proof of abutter notifications. Scott presented the plans and described the new septic system, which is being installed to replace an old cesspool. They plan to install a standard 1,500 gallon septic tank in the area of the current cesspool (behind the house, as pictured in plans). Several Commissioners visited the site today. The Commission discussed an alternative to the staked haybales for erosion and sediment control, such as mulch waddles with silt fence backup as needed. The Commission asked the applicant to revise the E&SC to reflect this request. The new tank will be installed in the buffer zone with a change in the topography. There is no erosion control specified for the tank area because there is a natural filter based on the unmowed field and current topography below. It would be ideal to get this project completed quickly so that seeding can happen before winter. Commissioners voted to continue the hearing.

*Carla Volturo entered the meeting at 7:27 PM with an interest in the prior item (Ball Hill Road) and the Commission Chairperson paused the public hearing for 196 Mirick Road to explain that the public hearing she was interested in had been continued.

Item 3: 7:56 PM – 8:05 PM Ratification of Emergency Certification issued to Town Highway Department for repairs/replacement of culvert under Rhodes Road. Brian received an email request to replace the culvert that is collapsing under Rhodes Road. Date of the site visit was 7/19/2022. Work date range is: 7/19/2022-8/18/2022, and work allowed is to replace in-kind the existing culvert. They are supposed to notify us when the work is completed. Bonnie alerted Commissioners via email on 8/5/2022 that the

work had been completed, erosion control appeared satisfactory, and provided photos. Commissioners voted to approve the emergency certification.

Commission Other Business, Mail, Procedures, etc.:

20 Country Lane: Building permit application for deck on this lot. Commission discussed who is the point person for this? It might be Bonnie, and we need her to follow up because we still have an open order of conditions on this property.

126 Mirick Road: As yet undeveloped lot, just south of the intersection with Beaman Road. They have not submitted a site plan yet, but Brian reached out and let them know that they need to submit to us.

Hobbs Road Culverts: The work is done. Victoria will go take a look to see if any E&SC remains in place.

Sam Cobb Road: Victoria will go take a look at this.

Coal Kiln Road: This looks like it is done, they have taken down the signs. We have not signed off on it so the erosion control should still be in place. As of 8/14/2022 E&SC was still in place and Jenny noted that a curb had been installed near a wetland/water resource to direct water away from the area permanently.

Gregory Hill & East Princeton dumping: Brian and Bryanna visited this site again to try and determine who owns which property. It looks like the area of fill is entirely on town land. It did not look like the fill area was being actively used right now. It has been maintained in the past, but not now. Brian asked Ben Metcalf about it and he said the Highway Dept was not using it. It is difficult to tell who did the dumping. Old fill could date to when the highway was built. New fill could be dated recently. Brick at site could be from chimney repair, done by the current resident nearby (Mason) but that is speculation. Whatever dumping is happening, is likely on town land. Commissioners discussed contacting the Town to ask that they close off the access point. This will be done in lieu of contacting any adjacent landowners. The goal is to stop the wetlands violation, not ask for remediation. Brian will draft the letter and send it via email to the Town.

Bound paper copies of WPA & regulations: Bonnie was planning to help with this and she is not here to ask about this. Brian will follow up.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM

Respectfully submitted, Jenny Sanders

