

TOWN OF PRINCETON

BOARD/COMMITTEE: PRINCETON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

DATE: September 1, 2022

TIME: 5:00 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, Bryanna Weigel, Bonnie Hirsh

Members in attendance remotely: None

Applicants and others in attendance: Scott Peoples

Applicants and others in attendance remotely: None

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

Brian Keevan called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM.

Approval of minutes: Minutes from the August 16, 2022 meeting were approved with minor revisions at 5:34 PM.

Item 1: 5:04 PM – 5:17 PM Continue Public Hearing for NOI (DEP File #267-0444) submitted by People’s Engineering for a septic system repair at 196 Mirick Road. Straw or mulch waddles have been specified. The Commissioners discussed adding a condition to the order to inspect the site during construction to determine whether additional erosion control is needed (such as silt fence backup) depending on weather or other factors during construction because the plans only specify the minimum E&SC required. Commission voted to close the hearing and to issue an order of conditions with special conditions to inspect if climate or weather events deem further inspection necessary.

Commission Other Business, Mail, Procedures, etc.:

Training for Commissioners: Commissioners discussed MACC training opportunities and education materials. Each Commissioner will login and see what trainings and learning materials they are interested in and report back at the next meeting so that a budget can be determined. Bonnie will research whether filing fees can be used to help pay for desired trainings and materials.

Forest cutting plan: Approved plan received for a property on Houghton Road near Hubbard Farm on DCR land. Commissioners discussed forest cutting plans and the procedures for Commissions to comment.

Other: Commissioners discussed the status of various building permit applications.

Open Space Committee Liaison: Bryanna volunteered to contact the chair and see if they would allow her to be the liaison for the Con Comm.

Gregory Hill Road: Brian has moved forward with investigation of property ownership and updated other Commissioners. He believes that it is highway department property. He shared the information with the town (Sherry and Ben) and suggested that if they find the same, they block the road.

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 PM

Respectfully submitted, Jenny Sanders