

TOWN OF PRINCETON

BOARD/COMMITTEE: PRINCETON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

DATE: NOVEMBER 15, 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, Jenny Sanders, Bryanna Weigel, Victoria Taft, Bonnie Hirsh, Jennifer Vuona

Members in attendance remotely: none

Applicants and others in attendance: Mike Pucko, June Davenport, Jason Faivus, Mark Spencer, Leslie Spencer, Steve Robichaud, Jesse Volturo, Patrick Brady, Karen Shadbegian, Doug Andrysick, Richard Porter

Applicants and others in attendance remotely: Reid Bagley

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

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

Item 1: 7:05 - 7:09 PM Continued Public hearing for a Notice of Intent (DEP File #267-0443) submitted by Lake 20, LLC for single family home and septic system construction on Ball Hill Road (Map 11 Parcel 42A). Matt Marro not present, but requested the info from DEP via email. Commissioners voted to continue the hearing to Dec 20, 2022.

Item 2: 7:09 – 7:30 PM Continued Public Hearing for a Notice of Intent (DEP File #267-0446) submitted by David Farrell for construction of a detached garage on 33 Radford Road (Map 12C Parcel 4.0). Owner asked to advance the permit as submitted with no additional information presented because they are not prepared to spend additional funds. The Chair explained available options including: withdraw the NOI, keep the NOI open until plans are finalized, or return with additional information as requested by the Commission at the last meeting. The Chair also explained that withdrawal of the NOI does not make the issues of disturbance without a permit go away. The Commission is still obligated to address the potential disturbance in the wetland, which is why additional information was requested. The wetlands report that was submitted dated July 10, 2021 shows undisturbed areas with the current landowner as occupant. The Chair explained that the Commission believes based on the available information publicly available that there has been a potential violation of the Wetlands Protection Act. The Commission discussed possible outcomes of a restoration plan. Commissioners stated what they are asking for is professional consultant to redelineate the site and determine if there are wetland resources that have been altered. Commissioners voted to continue the hearing to the next meeting on December 20, 2022.

Item 3: 7:30 -7:33 PM Inspection and recommendation for 21 Stagecoach Road. Victoria summarized the conditions found during the inspection at 21 Stagecoach Road and recommended close out.

Item 4: 7:35 – 8:36 PM Continued Public Hearing for a Notice of Intent (DEP File# 267-0448) submitted by Doug Andrysick for Richard and Dani Porter for construction of a single family house, garage, pool, and septic system on Boylston Ave. (Map 12C Parcel 15). Doug described the pool design and clarified that it will have a cartridge filter, there will be no backwashing. It is called a nature II system. He also

provided a letter from JC Pools that stated the discharge of pool water and backwashing will not be required. Doug stated that although Princeton is not an MS4 community they elected to address the stormwater concerns of the community and the Commission by creating an infiltration basin. Bryanna stated that the DEP circuit rider suggested that we ask for an operations and maintenance plan for the pool to be sure that the annual pool clean out will be clear; then we will know exactly where the water will be disposed of and when. The Commissioners discussed adding this information into the order of conditions. The Chair mentioned that we received a letter signed by several abutters. The letter brought up several points that were discussed during the last meeting, and further stated that they are opposed to this project going forward. Commissioners discussed questions in the letter and answered new questions from audience. Commissioners voted to continue the hearing to November 29, 2022.

Item 5: 8:37 – 8:43 PM Request for Certificate of Compliance (DEP File 267-0421) at 20 Country Lane, by Mike Pucko. Commissioners conducted a site tour on 11/13/2022. Commissioners noted recent work that addressed the Commission's requests. Items appear to be functioning well and the vegetation is growing well. The Chair explained the process after the COC is issued. Commissioners voted to issue a Certificate of Compliance for 20 Country Lane.

Item 6: 8:45- 9:07 PM Public hearing for Notice of Intent (DEP #267-0449) submitted by Alan Roseberry for septic system replacement at 307 Ball Hill Road (Map 11 Parcel 49D). A well is being installed, and the septic is being replaced. The applicant is planning to sell eventually and the work will take place in the spring. Commissioners voted to issue an order of conditions as amended with approximately 35' of silt fence added near the shed.

Commission Other Business, Mail, Procedures, etc.:

Grant application review: Bryanna forwarded the draft application. Commissioners will review it and discuss the proposed ideas or any revisions.

Education: Program for children suggested. Make it open to all residents and children, perhaps work with Mass Audubon to collaborate. Do this in spring. This would be separate from the grant proposal.

Approval of minutes: Minutes from the October 27, 2022 meeting were approved with minor revisions at 9:45 PM.

Commissioners voted to adjourn at 9:45PM
Respectfully submitted, Jenny Sanders