

TOWN OF PRINCETON

BOARD/COMMITTEE: PRINCETON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

DATE: January 16, 2018

TIME: 7:00

LOCATION: Town Hall Annex

Attendance: Chairman John Vieira, Ron Thompson, Barbara Laughlin, Rachael Catlow, and Susan Mitchell

John Vieira called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

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

Public Hearings:

Item 1: A Notice of Intent (NOI) was filed for 91 Ball Hill Road owned by Andrew Brown for construction of a two car garage with rear storage and storage underneath for small equipment. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) did not issue a File Number (#) for this project at the time of the meeting. Brian, John, and Barbara of the Commission attended a site walk on January 13, 2018. Mr. Brown submitted a sketch of the proposed work. The Commission requested that a plan showing a 100-foot buffer zone, extent of work line, and location of erosion controls be prepared and submitted to the Commission. The public hearing for this project will be continued.

Item 2: A public hearing was continued for a NOI (DEP File #267-0399) for work on a residential property located at 72 Beaman Road. Caron Environmental Consulting submitted revised Plans and a report was submitted to the Commission. The Plans showed updated wetland flagging, jurisdictional resource areas and limits of work, and details indicating a proposed schedule of events. The Commission approved an Order of Conditions with Special Conditions requiring site visits prior to various scheduled activities.

Item 3: A public hearing was continued for Manero Realty Trust/Nabil Roufail who filed a NOI for pavement work in the buffer zone at a commercial property located at 23 Hubbardston Road (Map 12A, Lot 30). The NOI is still incomplete and the MassDEP is awaiting additional information related to the NOI. A storm water checklist and associated report has not yet been submitted to the DEP for review. The applicant needs to review applicable storm water standards and present relevant information as supporting documentation for their NOI to the Commission for the installation of an infiltration basin(s). This Item will be continued until the February 20, 2018 meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Item 1: The Commission discussed their receipt of an ENF that was submitted for Wachusett Meadows Audubon property and that a Commission member will try to attend the project site walk once a date is published.

Item 2: Larry Greene Jr. did not attend the meeting to request a COC for the Route 140 project (DEP file # 267-0381). The Commission will schedule a site visit to view conditions when weather is favorable and the snow.

Item 3: The Commission will ratify and sign off on the Emergency Certification on Coal Kiln Road at the February 20, 2018 meeting.

Item 4: The Commission received a letter from Natural Heritage regarding tree clearing at 143 Calamint Hill Road North. Commissioners Brian, John, and Barbara visited the property on Saturday, January 14, 2018 with the permission of the property owner, Ben Whitaker. The area of the tree clearing appears to be outside of WPA jurisdictional areas.

Item 5: The Commission received a Plan showing the proposed locations of single family residents located at two parcels near the intersection of Hubbardston Road (Route 62) and Calamint Hill Road North. The Plan showed that the house locations and associated areas appear to be outside WPA jurisdictional areas.

Commission Other Business, Mail, Procedures, etc.:

The Commission approved the December 19, 2017 meeting minutes with minor changes.

The next PCC meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2018.

Forest Cutting Plan: No cutting plans were submitted.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Laughlin