

FINAL
PRINCETON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR MEETING
April 18, 2017

PRESENT:

Ron Thompson, Brian Keevan, Barbara Laughlin, John Vieira and Susan Mitchell from the PCC were in attendance. As well as Brett Trowbridge associate member.

Brian Keevan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A continuance for a Notice of Intent filed by the Town of Princeton by Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. for reconstruction of Route 140 from the Sterling Town line from southeast to the northwest near the fire station. In an email from the Greenman – Pederson Inc. a request was made for a continuance to the May 16, 2007 meeting, and the proposed box culvert replacement of the two culverts near the fire station has been withdrawn from the project.
- A continuation for an Notice of Intent filed by Beals and Thomas for Alternatives Unlimited Inc. at 42 Pheasant Hollow Run was opened at 7:05 PM for the expansion of existing driveway with in the 100-foot buffer zone of the bank of an unnamed intermittent stream. DEP File No. 267-0390. Revised plans dated 3/29/17 were presented to the Commission. Mary Kate Schneeweis spoke to the Commission regarding the changes. A site visit took place on April 14, 2017 with John Vieira, Brian Keevan, Ron Thompson, Barbara Laughlin, and Rachael Catlow. The wetlands had been flagged. It was unanimously voted to issue an Order of Conditions for DEP File No. 267-0390. An Order of Conditions was issued with no special conditions. The hearing was closed at 7:15 PM.
- A discussion regarding a Notice of Intent to be submitted to PCC for 77 Main Street, Princeton owned by Mohamed Samoda which had an Enforcement Action issued on January 5, 2017 for an underground propane tank installed without the filing of a Notice of Intent. PCC members voted to ratify the Enforcement Action. A NOI and abutter notifications will be submitted for the May Meeting. Mr. Samoda brought plans from David Asmus for the Septic Design which had the propane tank shown. Mr. Samoda will correctly fill out the NOI and have the erosion controls installed before the May Meeting.
- Brian Keevan, John Vieira, Rachael Catlow, and Barbara Laughlin did a site visit on April 14, 2017 regarding the clean- up of large dead trees at the Town Pound. Brian Keevan will talk to the Highway Department to see if any resources are available for the cutting and clean- up of the trees.

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- An email was received from Cassidy Way, Goldman Environmental Consultants regarding any 21E information for 52 Redemption Rock Trail N. No files were located. They were also interested in a land on Coal Kiln Road, no files were located.
- A site visit was done on April 14, 2017 at the Thomas Prince School regarding drainage issues on the softball field that was causing the fence to move and also an issue on the softball field in the location of the well. Parks and Recreation Director Hollie Lucht attended the site visit as well as John Vieira, Brian Keevan, Barbara Laughlin, Ron Thompson and Rachael Catlow.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A Notice of Intent was filed by Dianna and Herbert Markley for Lot E, Brook Station Road for construction of a single family house and a barn. DEP File No. 267-0392. The Public Hearing was opened at 7:45 PM. A site visit took place on April 15, 2017 with Douglas Andrysick and Dianna Markley the applicant and Brian Keevan, John Vieira, Ron Thompson, Sue Mitchell from the PCC. There is no work being done in the buffer zone or river front area except for the clean-up of some logging debris. Marie Speckman, Sue Speckman, and Deborah Nichols attended the meeting as an abutter. Douglas Andrysick presented the PCC with a new set of plans dated 3/23/17. A motion to issue an Order of Conditions was made and a unanimous vote was taken. An Order of Conditions was issued as written. The Public Hearing closed at 8 PM.
- A Notice of Intent was filed by Peoples Engineering, LLC for Karl Koch for 247 Ball Hill Road for demolition of an existing house and septic tank, construction of a new house and installation of a new septic tank. As of this date no DEP File No. has been issued. An informal discussion regarding this project, Scott Peoples gave the PCC an overview of the project. A site visit was done April 17, 2017 with Brian Keevan, John Vieira, Barbara Laughlin, Sue Mitchell, and Ron Thompson from the PCC as well as Scott Peoples and Karl Koch. A motion was made to continue to a special meeting as soon as the DEP File No. is available.
- PCC received an email from Claire Golding regarding an article to be on the Town Warrant to start a Community Environmental Action Committee with 5-7 members. Claire Golding and Phoebe Moore attended the meeting wanting the PCC's ideas and support for this project. It will be modeled after other Action Committees in the state.

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- Received the 2017 Yearly Operational Plan for the Providence & Worcester Railroad Company dated March 31, 2017. PCC members looked it over and discussed.
- PCC received a phone call from Lisa and Robert Christian for Lot 4 Isaac Way, for construction of a new home. A site visit took place on April 15, 2017 with Brian Keevan, John Vieira, Ron Thompson, and Sue Mitchell present. It is out of the PCC jurisdiction.
- DEP called to inform the PCC of an intentional beaver dam breaching on Mirick Road. A site visit took place on April 7, 2017 with Brian Keevan and John Vieira, and John Mirick. John Mirick attended the meeting. An Environmental Officer and the Princeton Fire Department were called to the site. Mr. Mirick stated that he was only taking sticks out of the dam in the spillway and piling them up in the field and burning them. This is to maintain the natural flow of the brook. Beyond the 1st dam the beavers have constructed 2 more dams that have also been removed by Mr. Mirick. John Vieira spoke to DEP on April 7, 2017. This property has been in the Forestry Program since the 1970's. In 2008 the beavers moved in there and they have been keeping the spillway open since by this method. An Enforcement Action was issued to put a time frame on the project. PCC would like Mr. Mirick to file a NOI to manage the water levels or an RDA to state his case why the actions are not applicable from an Agriculture and Forestry practices.
- PCC discussed the mapping and flagging of the wetlands on the Fieldstone Farm trails.

FOREST CUTTING PLANS: None

The minutes from March 21, 2017 meeting were read and accepted with changes as noted.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45PM.

Marsha Dowdy