

TOWN OF PRINCETON

BOARD/COMMITTEE: PRINCETON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

DATE: January 15, 2019

TIME: 7:00

LOCATION: Town Hall Annex

Attendance: Chairman Brian Keevan, John Vieira, Barbara Laughlin, Rachael Catlow, and Ron Thompson

Brian Keevan called the meeting to order at 6:58 PM.

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

Public Hearings and Meetings:

Item 1: A public hearing was opened for a Notice of Intent (NOI) filed by the Princeton Highway Department to replace the bridge located on E. Princeton Road over East Wachusett Brook. At the time of the hearing, the MassDEP did not issue a file number (#) for the site. Mike Turgeon, of Jacobs Engineering, presented information for discussion purposes. Commission members attended a site walk on January 5 & 6, 2019. The Commission requested that the areas beneath the bridge be confirmed as bordering vegetated wetland (BVW) and submit revised plans as needed. The public hearing was continued until February 19, 2019.

Item 2: A public meeting was continued at 7:37 for an update of a Status of Enforcement Order for 16 Pine Hill Road. Paulette McGaw provided an updated, draft plot plan that showed the property boundaries with areas of disturbance located on 16 Pine Hill Road and the abutting property to the west, owned by Mr. Wayne Norton. The Commission discussed some content that would be needed in the NOI such as sequence of events, planting descriptions, progress reports with any recommendations for corrective actions.

Item 3: A public meeting was opened at 8:07 for a Determination of Applicability (RDA) from the Princeton Open Space Committee on the Calamint Hill Conservation Area trails project. Commission members Brian and Barbara attended a site walk on January 12, 2019 to inspect the proposed trail locations. Rick Gardner presented a plan showing the proposed trail locations. The Commission issued a Negative determination #5 for the following exception: 310 CMR 10.02(b)(2)(a) - Unpaved pedestrian walkways less than 3 feet wide for public access on conservation property.

Item 4: The property owner, Marsha Dowdy, at 247 East Princeton Road requested Certificate of Compliance (COC) following the completion of septic repairs (DEP #267-0396). No action taken.

Commission Other Business, Mail, Procedures, etc.:

A pre-construction meeting for the East Princeton Village Road Repair is scheduled for January 16, 2019. Due to the late notice, Brian will try to attend.

Brian updated the Commission that the APR on Fieldstone Farm has been finalized.

The Commission discussed the lease status of Four Corners since the lease is soon expiring.

The Commission discussed a timeline of work at 23 Hubbardston Road (DEP# 267-0409). No work has been conducted to date related to the Order of Conditions.

The November 27, 2018 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved with minor edits.

The next PCC meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2018.

Forest Cutting Plan:

- Worcester Road/Wachusett Street (Towns of Princeton/Holden) dated November 10, 2018. The land is owned by Denise Dourdeville/Holly Carnright.
- Lovers Lane (Town of Princeton) Dated November 27, 2018. The land is owned by City of Worcester DPW.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Laughlin