

MEETING MINUTES

Waterford Conservation Commission
Waterford Town Hall

April 28, 2016
7:00 PM

Members Present:	Henry Curtis, Harold Hansen, Dave Lersch, Tali Maidelis, John McSweeney and Jeff Sims
Members Absent:	Richard Muckle (notified absence)
Alternates Absent:	Joshua Steele Kelly, Wade Thomas (notified absences) 1 vacancy
Staff Present:	Maureen FitzGerald, Environmental Planner Katrina Kotfer, Recording Secretary

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

Chairman Sims called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. No alternates were seated.

2. APPROVAL OF THE April 14, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Motion made by T. Maidelis, seconded by H. Curtis, to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2016 meeting as written.

Vote: 4-0-1: H. Hansen abstained, not present at meeting.

D. Lersch arrived at 7:07 pm.

3. APPLICATION REVIEW

C-16-2 34 Chapman Avenue – New House – Dave Reagan – Applicant, Glen Cekala Etal – Owner, Scott Reagan – Agent. (Action Date June 17, 2016)

Dave Reagan and Scott Reagan were present for the application. D. Reagan indicated on a map where he wishes to clear vegetation back from the stone wall bordering Pilgrim Road. Commission members discussed concerns with the impacts from the clearing and grading proposed to the rear of the structure on the steep slopes and adjacent wetlands and asked if alternative clearing limits were considered. D. Reagan said that the limit could be moved 20 feet away from the wetland. S. Reagan noted the lot at 32 Chapman Avenue was authorized to construct a driveway right next to the wetland boundary.

Staff reviewed a summary of permitted regulated activities in the vicinity of the 34 Chapman Avenue site, including 32 Chapman, 23-25 Chapman and Brandege Lake Estates (East Lake Drive). Application review comments dated April 28, 2016 were distributed for review. Staff recommended a limit of clearing and non-encroachment boundary be established along the 140 contour line elevation west of the house.

D. Reagan requested extending the limit of clearing and non-encroachment to the rock wall boundary along Pilgrim Road and indicated the proposed limit on the site plan. Commissioners discussed means of identifying and marking the non-encroachment boundary and recommended a boulder/rock wall be installed on the boundary bordering the steeper slope to the rear of the house. Plantings were recommended to be installed on the fill and graded slope upgradient of the wall boundary to stabilize the slopes with vegetation after the trees have been removed.

D. Reagan agreed to designating and marking a non-encroachment boundary as proposed.

Commission members discussed temporary impacts from the sewer connection. It was noted that the location of the connection is dictated by the existing stub from the manhole. Commissioners requested the slopes be returned to grade and stabilized after the sewer connection is completed.

The Commission requested the applicant prepare a mark-up of the clearing limits and non-encroachment boundary, showing the stone /boulder wall and plantings as discussed for review at the next meeting scheduled for May 12, 2016.

C-16-3 Fog Plain Road Reclamation – Town of Waterford – Applicant & Owner, Dan Matheson, Dept. of Public Works – Agent. (Action Date June 17, 2016)

The Commission reviewed the draft permit prepared by staff.

Motion: Motion made by D. Lersch, seconded by H. Curtis to approve the draft permit for C-16-3 as written.

Vote: 6-0-0

4. NEW APPLCIATION

No new applications were received.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Waterford High School Stormwater System Inspection –Status

The Commission directed staff to write a letter to the Board of Education Director of Buildings and Grounds requesting a plan and schedule for maintenance of the rain gardens.

Clark Lane Middle School Stormwater System Inspection – Status

The Commission directed staff to write a letter to the Board of Education Director of Buildings and Grounds requesting a schedule and plan for sediment removal and stabilization of the stormwater basin.

Discussion of Permit Application/Advertising Fees

Staff reported that the Town Attorney advised that the Commission continue advertising actions in The Day newspaper to meet statutory requirements. The recording secretary reported that she had polled nearby communities and they do not charge their applicants for the fees associated with required advertising of notices of action. The Commission briefly discussed increasing application fees to cover the increasing cost for advertisements. This topic was requested to be included on the next agenda.

6. VIOLATIONS

1180 Hartford Turnpike – Buffer Restoration Plan Completion Date 6/15/16

Staff reported on the status of the buffer restoration work.

2 Lloyd Road – Notice of Violation – Status of Corrective Actions

Staff reported that the stumps still remain on the property. The Commission directed staff to write a letter to the property owner to get an update on the schedule for completion of the corrective actions.

7. CONSERVATION COMMISSION TASKS

J. Sims gave an update on a proposal to connect the walking trails on the Waterford Land Trust Conover parcel to the Town-owned Barry Farm parcel.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was discussed.

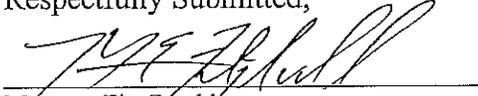
9. PAYMENT OF BILLS

There were no bills.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Maureen FitzGerald
Environmental Planner