

Minutes
Lee Conservation Commission
Lee Town Hall 32 Main Street Meeting Room
Wednesday, May 17, 2023 7:00 PM

Commissioners Present: Kathy Arment, chair; John Coty, Jr., Marilyn Hansen, Mark Navin; Clare Lahey, alternate

Commissioners Absent: John Philpott, Toni Thomas, Stu Dalheim

Members of the Public Present: Kathy Hall, Josh Bloom, Nicolas Resca—Lee Youth Commission; Linda Cysz, Lee Land Trust; Bryan Siter, Steve Mack—Foresight Land Services; John Economou, Luisa Economou

Kathy Hall Lee Youth Commission 126 Housatonic Street Map 19 Lot 0001

Skateboard Park—New Equipment Ms. Hall expressed interest in adding equipment to the skateboard park. She then introduced Mr. Bloom and Mr. Resca to present a plan that is being considered. As of now once skateboarders advance above the beginner level there is not the room or equipment that they need. The proposal presented is to put in a paved straight slab, a skateboard ramp and perhaps more. The Commission's responses: measurements to the river and wetlands are needed; compensatory storage (cubic volume) will need to be considered; materials that will be used and the installation process need to be considered; pictures of the equipment will be needed; DPW and the police need to be consulted; a wetland engineer needs to be consulted—depending on the work to be done a permit from the Commission will most likely be needed.

Continued Notice of Intent VS Cape Smart, Inc. 1435 Cape Street Map 21 Lot 25

Installing a 3.5-acre solar panel installation Mr. Mack presented the responses to the comments made by the DEP on the Notice of Intent. (on file) These were sent to DEP but there has been no response as of yet. There were several questions from the Commission: 1. Is the load rating for the bridge sufficient for the vehicles and the equipment without risk of collapse. The engineer believes that it is. 2. Are there plans in place to prevent dirt, or other materials and vehicles from accidentally sliding off and into Greenwater Brook. None were presented. The steel plate used on the bridge can be slippery when wet. They are used commonly, and so cautious driving is needed. There will be a periodic inspection of the bridge. Ms. Cysz from the Land Trust asked how this project would affect the movement of wildlife. There is a fence that might affect it but a way for the animals to cross over will be made. There will be wild grass planted outside the fence. No pesticides will be used.

Motion by Ms. Arment and a second by Ms. Hansen to approve the Notice of Intent for 1435 Cape Street with standard conditions. The grass is to be mowed. A preconstruction inspection by the Conservation Commission is needed.

VOTE: Ms. Arment, aye Ms. Hansen, aye Mr. Navin, aye Mr. Coty, aye

Unanimous approval

Request for Determination of Applicability 2120 Cape Street Map 28 Lot 20 Installation

of 2 retaining walls. Mr. Economou presented the project. Two retaining walls 8-10 feet high are to be built in front of the bank that is 12' tall. Some base of the bank will need to be done and

some fill will need to be brought in. The Commission requested a site visit. They are leaning toward wanting a Notice of Intent filed for the work. The site visit will be Monday 22, 2023 at 6 PM. It was noted that the Building Department has a cease-and-desist order on the project as a building permit is needed. **Motion by Ms. Arment with a second by Mr. Coty to continue the Request for Determination of Applicability to the June 7, 2023 meeting as more information is needed**

VOTE: Ms. Arment, aye Ms. Hansen, aye Mr. Navin, aye Mr. Coty, aye
Unanimous approval

Correspondence: None

Minutes of the May 5, 2023 meeting. **Motion by Ms. Arment with a second by Mr. Coty to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2023 meeting.**

VOTE: Ms. Arment, aye Ms. Hansen, aye Mr. Navin, aye Mr. Coty, aye
Unanimous approval

No public comments

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Documents: Lee Youth Commission skateboard project (none filed with office); Notice of Intent DEP# 196-0481, 1435 Cape Street Map 21 Lot 25; RDA 2120 Cape Street, Map 28 Lot 20; 5/7/2023 minutes