

Minutes  
Lee Conservation Commission  
Town Hall 32 Main Street  
Wednesday, August 16, 2017

Commissioners Present: Kathy Arment, Chair; Stu Dalheim; Marilyn Hansen; John Philpott; John Coty, Jr.  
Commissioner Absent: James Wickham

Members of the Public Present: Brent White, White Engineering Inc; Matt Puntin, SK Design Group; Jeff Baril, Eversource; Melissa Coady, Tighe-Bond; Alexander Glover, Law Office of Lazan, Glover and Puciloski; Chris Myhrum, Law Office of Chris Myhrum; Emily Stockman, Stockman Associates LLC; Peter Navent; Diane Naventi; Matt Naventi; Lou DiGrigoli

- **Request for Determination of Applicability Eversource Energy Eversource Right-of-way Valley Street to Water Street. Removal of mature woody vegetation within upland Buffer Zone areas** Ms. Coady passed out maps/plans of the areas being considered. The removal involves vegetation along select portions of the Line 1161/1371 up to the legal limits of the right-of-way. All resource areas are excluded from the cutting. Between 2011 and 2012 there were 3 storm events that affected Western Massachusetts with trees toppling into the right-of-ways and causing significant damage and power outages. Mr. Baril responded to a question about the notification of abutters—all have been notified in various ways including a letter and door-to-door hangings with each of these having a phone number to call with questions. The right-of-way will be maintained the same way as it is now. **Motion made and seconded to issue a negative 3 determination with the condition of preconstruction notification and stabilization of any ground surfaces where necessary. Unanimous approval**
- **Notice of Intent Orange Lake Resorts (Oak' N Spruce) 137 Meadow Street DEP #196-0440 Paving the existing gravel parking lot and expansion of the paved parking lot and related work; riverfront mitigation** Mr. Puntin showed the plan for the paving and the mitigation. The gravel area that is in the fenced area and adjacent to the brook is to be paved; 3" of gravel will be removed and 3" of blacktop installed. The existing paved area is to be expanded into an area now grass. This area will be dug down 16" and blacktop installed. The whole area is within the flood plain and some is within the riverfront. The work associated with paving the existing gravel area and the new parking area will result in no net fill. A stockade fence will be erected. In addressing DEP comments Mr. Puntin proposed erecting the stockade fence 6" off the ground to allow for water to flow under it. It was also proposed to move the mitigation area out of the wooded area and into the lawn area. There will be 3000' of mitigation. **Motion made and seconded to continue until the September 6, 2017 meeting. Unanimous approval**
- **Stockbridge Terrace LLC Enforcement Order** There is a new principal party involved—Jeff Collingwood, PE of Engineering Consulting Services, was hired to do a peer review to confirm the accuracy of the stormwater analysis done by White Engineering. He reviewed the documents entitled "Updated Stormwater Assessment for Stockbridge Terrace Property" and "Updated Watershed Analysis for the Naventi Property-Stockbridge Road-Lee MA". He did not perform any design or calculations to reconfirm stormwater flows or related figures. Mr. Collingwood did an oral presentation of his findings and submitted a written review which included suggested stormwater measures. This document is on file in the Commission office. Questions were raised about there being a larger watershed area and about the easterly determination of

this, about culvert 2—Mr. Collingwood’s job was to review the information in the documents. Mr. M. Naventi was concerned about the brook and the water going into it. Ms. Naventi asked about the possibility that the changes on the Stockbridge Terrace property and all the culverts could have caused damage to their property with water coming from east to west. Ms. Stockman requested that it be put on record that the date of August 31, 2017 on condition 4 of the Enforcement Order be extended to September 6, 2017. An updated site plan related to the detention pond plan and improvements to the management of the stormwater be submitted to the Commission for their review at the September 6, 2017 meeting.

- **Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2017 meeting. Unanimous approval**
- **Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 9:15 PM. Unanimous approval**

Documents: Request for Determination of Applicability Eversource; Notice of Intent Orange Lake Resort 137 Meadow Street; Updated Stormwater Assessment for Stockbridge Terrace Property August 10, 2017; Updated Watershed Analysis for Naventi Property, Stockbridge Road August 10, 2017; Jeffrey Collingwood letter August 15, 2017 Re Peer Review; Jeffrey Collingwood resume

Respectfully submitted:  
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