

TOWN OF LEE

32 MAIN STREET

PUBLIC MEETING

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AMENDED.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

PLACE OF MEETING: Judge's Chambers, Town Hall

DAY, DATE & TIME: Wednesday February 19, 2014 at 7:00 PM

Members Present: Kathy Arment, Chair, John Coty, John Philpott & Stu Dalheim

7:00 PM: Lewis & Lisa McCulloch, 485 Laurel St, File #196-0415: Mike Kulig, Berkshire Engineering stated that they need a continuance for this hearing. Ms. Arment made a motion to continue this hearing until 3/5/14 at 7:15 PM., seconded by Mr. Coty, vote unanimous.

Tony Caropresso re: 135 Mt. View Terrace, File #196-298: the Commission reviewed a letter dated 1/27/14 for Mr. Caropresso to submit to his bank for financing for this project. The letter dealt with the expiration date of his permit. Ms. Arment made a motion to approve this letter, Mr. Philpott seconded, vote unanimous. Ms. Garry will fax the letter to Mr. Caropresso on 2/20/14.

7:15 PM: Nick Hopkins Mass DOT for a Determination of Applicability for herbicide spraying on I-90. Mr. Hopkins reviewed the plans with the Commission. He stated that the spraying will take place from the Stockbridge/Lee line to the Lee/Becket line. They will only be spraying the guardrails. They can't spray within 10' of a wetland or within 100' of a river. Ms. Arment made a motion to close the public hearing and issue a positive 2A Determination, seconded by Mr. Philpott, vote unanimous.

7:30 PM: Mr. Peter LaBonte appeared before the Commission to discuss reuse of Lee Corporate Center at 480 Pleasant St. He stated that the reuse of the building would be for prefab housing. In order to accommodate the new use and current tenants they would have to put an addition on and add parking spaces. He thought that they would have to fill in approximately 5,000 sq. ft. of wetland. He had a preliminary plan and reviewed it with the Commission. He wanted to get a feel from the Commission as to whether the project would be acceptable. The Commission needs to receive the proper paperwork and final plans before they could comment on that. The

Commission also told Mr. LaBonte that once the snow melted a proper wetland delineation would have to be done.

7:35 PM: Tom Ryan, Dep't of Conservation & Recreation (DRC) forester, came in to discuss the proper paperwork process for forest cutting plans. He explained that commercial sales of over 25,000 bd. ft. require a forest cutting plan. The logger/property owner is required to simultaneously submit a plan to DCR and the local Conservation Commission. Then the Commission has 10 days to make any comments. If the Commission realizes that they have not received the plan in a timely manner then the Commission can contact the forester and he will approach the land owner and move the start date back. In the future Ms. Garry will email a Commissioner when we receive new cutting plans so that it can be reviewed.

7:45 PM: Marty Barenski and Pat MacDowell came before the Commission re: 645 Fairview St. They wanted to discuss what having an intermittent stream on their property means. The stream was determined to be intermittent by Mark Stinson, MA DEP, by checking the USGS top map for that area. And how that may or may not affect what they want to do on the property. They also mentioned that there are several trees, along this intermittent stream, that are dead and would like to take them down while the ground is frozen. Ms. Garry will do some research and get back to Ms. MacDowell via email.

Ms. Garry mentioned that the Commission has been signed up for a one year free subscription for the on line version of "Protecting Wetlands and Open Space: MACC's Environmental Handbook". She will email the Commission the web site, login and password information.

Ms. Arment made a motion to accept, as written, the minutes of 1/15/14, seconded by Mr. Philpott, vote unanimous.

Ms. Arment made a motion to close the meeting at 8:30 PM, seconded by Mr. Philpott, vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Garry