



TOWN OF WARE

Conservation Commission

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Meeting Minutes from
Wednesday, April 8, 2020
Selectmen's Conference Room, Town Hall

Commission Members Present:	Chairman Mark Swett and Dennis Cote
Commission Members Remote Participation:	Dave Kopacz and Thomas Barnes
Commission Members Absent:	Kristin Rosenbeck
Public in Attendance:	Anna Marques and Nicole Croteau
Public in Remote Participation:	Kara Sliwoski with Solitude Lake Management and Stacy Smith with Trinity Solar

Governor Baker's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30A, §20, dated March 10, 2020, allows remote participation under this Order due to the Coronavirus State of Emergency.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm and T. Barnes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPLICATIONS

- A. DEP 317-395 – Request for Order of Conditions Extension for Beaver Lake weed control applications by Solitude Lake Management.
- K. Sliwoski stated this lake has had weed control dating back some years now, 2010.
 - D. Kopacz suggested there are new products on the market to help with weed control to be more environmentally friendly.
 - Agent requested a "weed map" of the lake surface identifying:
 - What and where species are on the lake
 - Effective of the extension
 - Chairman wanted to verify time period of application process and K. Sliwoski stated it starts in June and again in late August for the water lilies. K. Sliwoski stated that Larry does a survey yearly.
 - Chairman suggested to extend the extension for a shorter time period and then to meet face-to-face in 2021 to re-evaluate the permit.
 - D. Kopacz feels very strongly about having a map indicating the species, coverage, transact, area of the lake with lily pads including probing into lily for root map, not so much the top of the lily, habitat in the area and include non-visible things on the map.

MOTION by Chairman Swett to grant the extension until December 31, 2020, seconded by D. Cote, Discussion: T. Barnes would like to consider the extension for 6-months. D. Kopacz wants the weed map to include non-visible things as other items stated above. K. Sliwoski suggested hydro-racking and D. Kopacz stated its unfeasible.

MOTION TO AMEND by Chairman Swett to approve the extension until October 31, 2020 in order to do both lake applications this year and provide a weed map as stated above, seconded by D. Cote. No Discussion. Roll Call:

Mark Swett Aye
Denis Cote Aye
Tom Barnes Aye
David Kopacz Aye

All in favor for the 6-month extension (expiration date of 10/31/2020), 4/0/0.

B. RDA-2020-03 – Cathy Lafond, 60 Old Belchertown Road to install a ground mounted solar array for residential use.

- D. Kopacz and T. Barnes did a site walk prior to meeting.
- D. Kopacz issued a verbal Cease and Desist prior to meeting because the contractor started work without Conservation approval due to mis-communication with Trinity Project Manger's and coordination.
- Construction will be out of the 200' buffer.

MOTION by T. Barnes to issue a Negative Determination Number 3, seconded by D. Kopacz. No Discussion. Roll Call:

Mark Swett Aye
Denis Cote Aye
Tom Barnes Aye
David Kopacz Aye

All in favor of issuing a Negative Determination Number 3, 4/0/0.

MOTION by D. Kopacz to rescind the verbal Cease and Desist order and applicant to file RDA-2020-03 as instructed, seconded by T. Barnes. No Discussion. Roll Call:

Mark Swett Aye
Denis Cote Aye
Tom Barnes Aye
David Kopacz Aye

All in favor of rescinding the verbal Cease and Desist order, 4/0/0.

C. DEP 317-No number given. Sunnyside Storage, 319 Palmer Road, construction for self-storage units.

MOTION by D. Cote to continue the public hearing to the next scheduled meeting due to COVID-19, seconded by D. Kopacz. No discussion. All in favor to continue, 4/0/0.

D. DEP 317-452 Ecos Energy, Monson Turnpike Road, construction of large-scale ground mounted solar array and proposed wetland crossing.

MOTION by D. Cote to continue the public hearing to the next scheduled meeting due to COVID-19, seconded by T. Barnes. No discussion. All in favor to continue, 4/0/0.

ADMINISTRATION

A. Approval of Minutes from March 24, 2020.

MOTION by T. Barnes to approve the minutes from March 24, 2020 as presented, seconded by D. Cote. Discussion: D. Kopacz would like to review prior to voting tonight.

MOTION TO RESCIND the approval of minutes by D. Cote, seconded by T. Barnes. All in favor, 4/0/0.

B. Upcoming May agenda items

N. Croteau gave a brief description of items to be on the agenda in May. She stated the agenda will be full but with the COVID-19 State of Emergency some of the larger complex applications could be continued.

C. David Blessinger, 140 Shoreline Drive, Site walk update.

A site walk was complete and determined a Notice of Intent Application would need to be filed if the applicant were to proceed. All were in favor of D. Blessinger to file a NOI.

D. Joel Harder, Osborne Road, Site walk update/coordination

T. Barnes stated photos were taken of the site but not the trailer because it appeared to be occupied. T. Barnes did take photos of the culvert in question to be a violation. No action at this time.

E. DEP 317-413 Certificate of Compliance request for William Moryl at 319 Palmer Road.

MOTION by D. Kopacz to approve issuance of a Certificate of Compliance for DEP 317-413, seconded by D. Cote. No Discussion. Roll Call:

Mark Swett Aye

Denis Cote Aye

Tom Barnes Aye

David Kopacz Aye

All in favor to issue a Certificate of Compliance for DEP 317-413, 4/0/0.

Chairman stated that under the COVID-19 State of Emergency, the Commission will hear simple and emergency applications at this time. The larger or more complex applications can be heard at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by D. Cote to adjourn at 7:38 pm, seconded by T. Barnes. No Discussion. All in Favor 4/0/0.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

Minutes from April 8, 2020

Respectfully submitted by,

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Conservation Commission Administration

Minutes Approved on: *Nov 18, 2020*

Swett

Kopacz

Barnes

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