



TOWN OF WARE

Conservation Commission

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

Commission Members Present: Chairman Mark Swett, Dennis Cote, Thomas Barnes, Kristin Rosenbeck

Public in Attendance: Nicole Croteau, Bill Moryl, Joy Cook, Rodney Galton, Bob Kobelia, Bill Zinni, Jeremy Chapman, Steven Pikul

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 6:37 pm and T. Barnes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPLICATIONS

DEP No File Number Given, Sunnyside Storage, 319 Palmer Road

Bill Moryl presented updated plans to the Commission – 5 storage unit buildings. Test pits were completed, dry 14ft deep. The site development is now under the 10% threshold. In 2012 work was done on the site for the septic system repair and according to DEP this needs to be included in with the 10%. Calculations were done and figured that 13,015sq ft was altered. Correspondences with DEP said there are additional fees, each proposed building had a fee. Chairman stated grading is not subject to fees, only the proposed buildings. Applicant is at a standstill with DEP review. Tom Barnes suggested to plant white pines along the stonewall and shift the buildings, possibly install French drains off the roofs and use the porous pavement. General discussion was made about correspondences with DEP and applicant, but Commission cannot proceed without a file number.

MOTION to continue until the next schedule meeting, All in Favor.

DEP 317-452, Ecos Energy, Monson Turnpike Road, Notice of Intent (Large-Scale Solar Arrays)

Rodney Galton is the project manager for the proposed solar arrays. Rodney stated the wetland is staying. Conference call with Agent and peer reviewer had minor comments on June 29, a SWPPP Report will be submitted by next meeting. Tom Barnes stated June 28th there was a 2.9 inch storm event which affected Monson Turnpike Road. Would like Applicant to inform any new owners along Coffey Hill Road of the proposed project. Rodney stated they do have the right to access the upland area.

MOTION by Dennis Cote to continue the public hearing until next scheduled meeting. Seconded by Kristin Rosenbeck. No discussion. All in Favor 4/0.

DEP 317-463, Bertin Engineering Inc for Melink Solar Development, FT Smith, Greenwich Road, Notice of Intent (Large-Scale Solar Array)
Applicant has requested a continuation until next scheduled meeting.

MOTION by Kristin Rosenbeck to continue as requested. Seconded by Tom Barnes. No discussion. All in Favor 4/0.

DEP 317-465, Bertin Engineering Inc for Melink Solar Development, Couture, Greenwich Road, Notice of Intent (Large-Scale Solar Array)
Applicant has requested a continuation until next scheduled meeting.

MOTION by Dennis Cote to continue as requested. Seconded by Kristen Rosenbeck. All in Favor 4/0.

DEP No File Number Given, Bertin Engineering Inc for Melink Solar Development, Harder, Osborne Road, Notice of Intent (Large-Scale Solar Array)

MOTION by Tom Barnes to rescind the Enforcement Order. Seconded by Kristin Rosenbeck. No Discussion. All in Favor.

The Commission agreed to send the application for peer review comments.

MOTION by Dennis Cote to continue until next public meeting. Seconded by Kristin Rosenbeck. All in Favor.

ADMINISTRATION

Chairman suggested to restructure the commission due to members not renewing appointments.

MOTION by Tom Barnes to appoint Mark Swett to remain as Chair. Seconded by Kristin Rosenbeck. No Discussion 3/0/1 (M. Swett)

MOTION by Dennis Cote to appoint Thomas Barnes as Vice Chair. Seconded by Kristin Rosenbeck. No Discussion 3/0/1 (T. Barnes)

Administration Report

290 Osborne Road – Joy Cook located at 290 Osborne Road requested a site inspection to install French drains on the property due to the overflowing water from neighbor's property and causing a wash out of the driveway. A site inspection was completed, and no additional filings with Conservation would be required.

388 Palmer Road – Mary Dimo would like to open a business to store empty dump containers and have a show room in the existing building to sell kitchen/bath/flooring supplies. The

Commission recommended an RDA Application to be filed to know what will be done to the existing site.

Bondsville Road – Tom Barnes stated a 10'x20' shed was being worked on near the Swift River along with a porta-potty, trailer and turf. Asked Dave to inspect the site.

Open Seat – Kristin Rosenbeck asked if there was posting for the open seat with Conservation. Nicole stated there were posters in the town hall and would place one on the website.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kristin Rosenbeck to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Seconded by Tom Barnes. No Discussion. All in Favor 3/0/0.

Minutes from July 8, 2020
Respectfully submitted by,
Nicole Croteau *Nicole Croteau*
Conservation Commission Administration

<i>Minutes Approved on: Nov 18, 2020</i>	
Swett	<i>[Signature]</i>
Barnes	_____
Cote	<i>[Signature]</i>
Rosenbeck	<i>[Signature]</i>