

TOWN OF WARE

Conservation Commission

126 Main Street, Ware, Massachusetts 01082 413.967.9648

Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, September 15, 2021 Selectmen's Conference Room, Town Hall

Commission Members Present: Chairman Mark Swett, Vice-Chairman Thomas Barnes,

Dennis Cote, Kristin Rosenbeck, Peter Toper IV

Public in Attendance: Richard Barry, Robert Barry, Robert LeMaitre, Kevin Brooks,

Nico Siniscalchi, Nicole Croteau, Stuart Beckley, Anna

Marques

Public in Remote Participation: None

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 6:32 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPLICATIONS

DEP #317-477 by Robert LeMaitre for Minutemen Farm, LLC, 24 East Main Street

To review, discuss and vote on a peer reviewer for the NOI Application (Notice of Intent to redevelop a portion of the site by replacing a building burnt in 1996 with a smaller footprint for storage facility having approx. 7,700 sq ft floor area or 22,300 sq ft footprint.)

N. Croteau presented the peer review quotes from VHB, Sherman & Frydryk, BSC Group, and McClure Engineering and reviewed each of the time frames as presented in proposals. Vice-Chair, Thomas Barnes has concerns with the site being within the flood plain and possible debris running into the river. He stated he would prefer an engineering company that is best for the job, not just the lowest cost. General discussion between the Commission and applicant continued about the proposal's costs from each company and if the topics of concerns were going to be addressed. Concerns such as: being a riverfront re-development, possible drainage/debris from the site into the river, the site re-development within the 100-yr Flood Plain, review NOI for completeness, review Stormwater Management and any recommendations for the Commission to consider for Special Conditions. Everyone agreed that each company was qualified.

MOTION by Thomas Barnes to award the peer review to Sherman & Frydryk. Seconded by Kristin Rosenbeck. Discussion: Chair asked if the applicant had a preference. And the reply was Sherman & Frydryk based upon cost. No further discussion.

Roll Call: Mark Swett Yes Thomas Barnes Yes
Dennis Cote Yes Kristin Rosenbeck Yes

Peter Toper, IV Yes All in favor. 5/0/0.

DEP #317-162 by Patricia Lukaskiewicz, 2 Ashley Street

Request for Certificate of Compliance that work regulated by the Order of Conditions has been satisfactorily completed (Septic System Install).

N. Croteau presented the Request for Certificate of Compliance to the Commission that the installation of the septic system had been completed and the owner would like to sell the house but would like to close this permit out. John Prenosil conducted a site visit and has no issues.

MOTION by Kristin Rosenbeck to issue a Complete Certificate of Compliance for the project. Seconded by Dennis Cote. No discussion.

Roll Call:

Mark Swett

Yes

Thomas Barnes

Yes

Dennis Cote

Yes

Kristin Rosenbeck

Yes

Peter Toper, IV

Yes

All in favor. 5/0/0.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn at 6:48pm. All in Favor 5/0/0.

Next scheduled meeting is on October 13, 2021.

Minutes from September 15, 2021 Respectfully submitted by,

Nicole Croteau Conservation Commission Administrator Minutes Approved on: Jan 24, 2022
Swett
Barnes
Cote
Rosenbeck
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