



# TOWN OF WARE

## Conservation Commission

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Meeting Minutes from

**Wednesday, October 10, 2018**

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room

**Commission members present:**

Mark Swett (Chairman), Thomas Barnes, Dave Kopacz Sr, Denis Cote (arrived at 7), and Kristin Rosenbeck (arrived at 7:10)

**Commission members absent:**

**Public:**

As taken from observations and sign-in sheet Larry Rusiecki, Terrance Smith, Karen Brodeur, Jennifer Muche, Anna Marques, John Prenosil, Steve Walters, Brad Wilson, Peter Shelburne, Dan Flynn

Mark Swett called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Tom Barnes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 1) Applications

- a) NOI DEP #317-447 by East Quabbin Land Trust- **Request for Continuance**

**Motion** by D. Kopacz to grant continuance. Seconded by T. Barnes. So voted 3-0-0.

- b) RDA 2018-05 Peter Shelburne 19 Point of View Dr

- Removal of four dead trees and stumps that are a hazard to the house and road
- Installation of a new well
- Removal of two dead trees and leave stumps at a later date
- T. Barnes performed site visit

**Motion** by T. Barnes for a Negative 2 determination with no additional conditions. Seconded by D. Kopacz So voted 3-0-0.

- c) NOI DEP #317-453 presented by John Prenosil of JMP Environmental Consulting for Chris Desantis

- Wetlands were delineated
- Silt fencing and straw used for erosion control
- Gravel driveway
- Adding a culvert and pipe to prevent ponding
- Additional fee required per DEP comments and has been submitted to Conservation Department

**Motion** by T. Barnes to approve as presented with no additional conditions. Seconded by D. Kopacz. So voted 3-0-0.

d) NOI DEP #317-452 presented by Brad Wilson of Ecos Energy LLC and Larry Rusiecki of Doucet & Associates for Ecos Energy LLC

- Changes from Planning Board Meeting- Interconnection line being relocated, 100' of black top to be installed on proposed gravel road leading to Monson Turnpike Rd and possibly reducing the number of lots.
- Changes from Site Visit- Wetlands Delineation changes that will result in layout changes
- New plans will not be drawn until wetlands delineation has been completely verified.
- T. Barnes asks about a site stabilization bond. Brad Wilson of Ecos Energy is open to the option would want to know what the bond amount would need to be from the Town.
- T. Barnes brings up the possibility of a third party review because of past errors on two previous subdivisions, B. Wilson agrees that a third party review should be completed with the request that it be done as quickly as possible once the new plans are drawn.
- Fencing to only be installed around necessary components
- Abutters have concerns about wildlife and a safe haven from hunters. D. Kopacz explains that it is the property owners rights to use their land. A. Choquette explains that the deer population is controlled by the state through doe permitting.
- T. Barnes asks if the array with the stream crossing was necessary, as it seems out of place, B. Wilson says that his project design team deems it necessary unless there is a statutory reason it cannot be there.

**Motion** by T. Barnes for a Third Party review of the project as a whole. Seconded by K. Rosenbeck.

- D. Kopacz wants to clarify the motion to a Third Party review of drainage and hydrology and continue to handle the confirmation of wetlands delineation in house.

**Motion** by T. Barnes for a Third Party review of the drainage and hydrology of the project as a whole. Seconded by K. Rosenbeck. So Voted 5-0-0.

## 2) Old Business

a) Coy Hill Beaver Impoundments

- Grants available if a disaster was to take place

## 3) New Business

a) Dept. of Fish and Game- Maintenance of Grenville Park fishing access

- Scoutmaster Dan Flynn from Troop 281 of Ware explains the purpose of the Eagle Project is to teach leadership and promote service among scouts.
- Scott Walters project will clean the area, clear overhanging brush, level the area for better handicap access, replace signage, and install fishing line receptacles to help keep the area clean.
- Terrance Smith from the Department of Fish and Game explains that from the original permitting of the project in 2006 brush can be cleared that are no more than 4" round within 5' of the fishing area and up to 12' above the area.

- D. Kopacz explains that most of the work might be covered under the original permitting if a section for continued maintenance was included in the Order of Conditions. He also brings up the experience of filing for an RDA might be beneficial for future Eagle Projects associated with the fishing area.
- b) 55 East St
- Complaint of trench digging and work being performed in the Riverfront Area
  - Pictures have been taken but the scope of work and it is unclear if it is truly within the 200ft limit
  - D. Kopacz explains that this falls in a difficult enforcement area of accepted maintenance.
- c) McDonald's
- T. Barnes brings up his concern of the curb cut in the McDonald's parking lot that allow dumpster waste to get into the river
- d) Beaver Lake Bridge
- T. Barnes brings up concerns of the weight capacity of the bridge with the closing of the Old Belchertown Rd Bridge, and it threatening the future Beaver Lake Dam project and the resource area.
  - Building Inspector Anna Marques will discuss with the DPW

**Adjournment**

**Motion** by D. Cote to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Seconded by K. Rosenbeck.  
So voted 5-0-0.

Approved on 10/24/18 Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Respectfully submitted by Andrew Choquette  
Members: Mark Swett \_\_\_\_\_  
David P. Kopacz, Sr. \_\_\_\_\_  
Dennis Cote \_\_\_\_\_  
Kristin Rosenbeck \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas H. Barnes \_\_\_\_\_

