



# TOWN OF WARE

## Conservation Commission

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Meeting Minutes from  
Wednesday, November 9, 2016  
Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room

Commission members present: Dennis Cote, David P. Kopacz, Sr., Kristin Rosenbeck, Mark Swett (Chairman)

Conservation Staff present: Anna S. Marques

Commission members absent: none

Public: As taken from observations and sign-in sheet: Kate Wilkins, Steve Ecrement, Neil Jackson, Scott Marion

Chairman Mark Swett called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

### 1. Applications

a. RD A 2016-06 Tighe & Bond, Utility Pole Installation for National Grid on Anderson Road

Kate Wilkins introduced herself and Steve Ecrement, both from Tighe & Bond. The application dated October 2016 was reviewed and Kate also delivered a brief description; proposed project consists of 4 new poles (midspan) with 2 of the new poles being too close to be exempt. Therefore a request is being made for the determination of applicability to be negative.

Mark Swett asked if an auger or excavator will be used – the response was an 18" diameter auger would be the drilling method used.

**Motion** by Dennis Cote for a Negative Determination as described by item 2. Seconded by Kristin Rosenbeck. So voted 4 /0 /0.

b. NOI 317-430 MRT Development, 9 Coldbrook Drive (old lot 5)

Review of Application and Permit Plan dated Oct. 25, 2016, stamped received by CC office Oct. 26, 2016.

Scott Marion (on behalf of Todd Marion) and Neil Jackson reviewed the application with the Commission. David Kopacz stated he did the site inspection; the proposed project is located as best as can be on the lot.

**Motion** by D. Kopacz to accept as proposed. D. Cote seconded. So voted 4/0/0.

c. Certificate of Compliance for 317-396, 4 Coldbrook Dr., (lot 33)

Neil Jackson presented application received by CC office on Nov. 3, 2016. D. Kopacz stated site visits were conducted as part of the Order of Conditions.

**Motion** by D. Kopacz to issue a Certificate of Compliance. K. Rosenbeck seconded. So voted 4/0/0.

d. Certificate of Compliance for 317-335, Babcock Tavern Road

Neil Jackson presented application received by CC office on Nov. 4, 2016. It was clarified that the request for Certificate of Compliance was for the road, not the house. There were concerns from the DPW and CC with crossing, replications flagged off. D. Kopacz stated that conditions were met since the second year. Scott Marion also mentioned the letter submitted by John M. Prenosil of JMP Environmental Consulting, Inc. recommending issuance of a Certificate of Compliance.

**Motion** by D. Kopacz to issue a Certificate of Compliance. K. Rosenbeck seconded. So voted 4/0/0.

2. New Business

a. 177 Osborne Road

D. Kopacz explained the history of the property using a map. The concern was the back area that was cut down. The owner should be aware of the land restrictions. Though an invitation was sent to the owner to attend this meeting, the owner was not present. To enforce the situation, M. Swett and D. Kopacz both agreed a site visit would be necessary. D. Kopacz offered to go out one afternoon before dark and will follow up.

b. Ware weekly SWPPP Report 10.28.16 – 50 Gilbertville Rd

SWPPP moving along well, Commission happy with progress. A. Marques asked how the Commission would like to receive future SWPPP Reports. Members stated that they would like future reports to be forwarded via email.

**Motion** by D. Kopacz to accept the decision to email future SWPPP reports. K. Rosenbeck seconded. So voted 4/0/0.

c. ESRI GIS Certification/ArcGIS Subscription Renewal

D. Kopacz stated he would be in support of the renewal if it was tied into training. M. Swett inquired the amount the members would agree to spend on renewal and training. D. Cote stated that the Palmer agent used it quite often.

There may even be a webinar for training. Investigation into the learning process to be made.

**Motion** by D. Cote to approve the renewal along with providing training with a cost of up to \$1,500. K. Rosenbeck seconded. So voted 4/0/0.

d. Approve and sign meeting minutes from October 19.

**Motion** by K. Rosenbeck to accept the meeting minutes. D. Cote seconded. So voted 4/0/0.

e. Mail for Conservation Commission

- 1) MACC dues - \$60/person, more info required to determine who is included.
- 2) Forest Cutting Plan, Old Belchertown Road – to be filed

3. Old Business

Beaver – D. Cote brought up beaver situation on North St. A need for trapping beavers is developing, concern with upcoming freezing temps and water levels reaching the bridge. D. Kopacz replied that the DPW gave permission for trapper to trap now during trapping season.

4. Adjournment - **Motion** by D. Cote to adjourn at 7:18 p.m.  
Seconded by D. Kopacz.

*Respectfully submitted by Anna S. Marques*

Approved on 12/14/16  
Date

Members:

Mark Swett

David P. Kopacz, Sr.

Dennis Cote

Kristin Rosenbeck

Handwritten signatures of Mark Swett, David P. Kopacz, Sr., Dennis Cote, and Kristin Rosenbeck over horizontal lines.