



TOWN OF WARE

Conservation Commission

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Meeting Minutes from

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Town Hall Hallway

Commission members present: Thomas Barnes, Kristin Rosenbeck, Dave Kopacz

Commission members absent: Mark Swett (Chairman) and Dennis Cote

Public: As taken from observations and sign-in sheet Andrew St. George, Lisa St. George

Dave Kopacz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Applications

- a) NOI DEP #317-452 by Ecos Energy
- Continued until August 14, 2019 per letter submitted and approved March 13, 2019.
 - A. Choquette to start the discussion with the Applicant about notifying abutters when the hearing starts again.
- b) NOI DEP #317-447 by East Quabbin Land Trust
- C. Henshaw submitted a letter requesting a continuance for a month to allow the review of the wetlands delineation.
- Motion** by T. Barnes to continue until May 8th meeting. Seconded by K. Rosenbeck. So voted 3-0-0
- c) Request for Certificate of Compliance 317-402 for Jerome Franklin
- Order of Conditions expired July 13, 2018.
 - Property purchased by Andrew & Lisa St. George.
 - Limited work has been started.
 - Logging by R. Berthiaume.
 - A. Choquette performed a site visit today with the following findings:
 - Clearing in what appears is resource areas
 - Piping installed under the driveway possibly per plan
 - Debris of previous culvert of pipe of unknown origin present
 - No foundation hole present
 - Evidence of the previous delineation present (flags)
 - Brush and trees with delineation flags cut down and piled as debris.
 - Stream depicted on mapping no longer present where clearing was conducted.
 - A. Choquette provided pictures from the site visit documenting the findings.
 - T. Barnes questions if an Enforcement Order prior to a Certificate of Compliance to stabilize the site is proper.
 - D. Kopacz wants to work with the applicant and wants to walk the site himself and see how much of the work is completed and site conditions.
 - Applicant Andrew St. George says he is willing to meet after work and weekends.

- Depending on site visit by D. Kopacz, filings will need to be cleaned up so a new Notice of Intent can be filled. The previous delineation was conducted in 2010.

Motion by K. Rosenbeck to continue until May 8th meeting to allow D. Kopacz to perform a site visit. Seconded by T. Barnes. So voted 3-0-0

2. Old Business

- a) Coy Hill Beaver Dam
 - No new imagery yet
 - A. Choquette continues to monitor grants
- b) Solar Arrays
 - Discussion about property rights vs jurisdiction
 - Discussion about NPDES Permits

3. New Business

- a) 45 Greenwich Plains Rd Solar Field- Peer Review
 - A. Choquette explains the Planning Board has conducted a third party peer review, and in order to best utilize time and applicants funds he believes the Commission should use the Stormwater Review from their review if the Commission so chooses to utilize a peer review. A separate wetlands peer review is still able to be done.

Motion by T. Barnes to utilize the stormwater review performed by McClure Engineering for the upcoming filing for 45 Greenwich Plains Rd, if a third party review is utilized for the project. Seconded by K. Rosenbeck. So voted 3-0-0

- b) Minutes

Motion by T. Barnes to approve February 13th minutes. Seconded by K. Rosenbeck. So voted 3-0-0.

4. Adjournment

Motion by K. Rosenbeck to adjourn at 7:45pm. Seconded by T. Barnes. So voted 3-0-0.

Approved on 8/14/19 Date

Respectfully submitted by Andrew Choquette

Members: Mark Swett
David P. Kopacz, Sr.
Dennis Cote
Kristin Rosenbeck
Thomas H. Barnes

