



TOWN OF WARE

Conservation Commission

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Meeting Minutes from
Wednesday, February 09, 2022
Selectmen's Conference Room, Town Hall

Commission Members Present: Chairman Mark Swett, Peter Topor IV, Dennis Cote

Commission Members Absent: Thomas Barnes

Commission Members Remote: Kristin Rosenbeck, John Prenosil

Public in Attendance: Bruce Meekin, Doug Meekin, Ken Willette, Nicole Croteau, Ken Willette

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.
Topics may have been taken out of order according to posted agenda.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPLICATIONS

RDA-2022-01 by Bruce Meekin, 51 Beaver Road

Request for Determination whether the work depicted on the plans referenced is subject to the Wetland Protection Act – removal of 5 pine trees within the buffer zone.

Bruce Meekin presented the application to the Commission requesting permission to remove five pine trees within the buffer zone. Chairman Swett asked if there any concerns from the Agent, and N. Croteau stated none.

MOTION by Dennis Cote to issue a Negative Determination, sighting number 3 with a condition: no stump grinding, leaving the stumps 1-2ft above grade and remove all tree debris from the site. Seconded by Peter Topor, IV. No further discussion.

Roll Call: Mark Swett Yes Peter Topor, IV Yes
 Dennis Cote Yes Kristin Rosenbeck Yes
 All in favor. 4/0/0.

RDA-2022-02 by Bruce Meekin, 73 Beaver Road

Request for Determination whether the work depicted on the plans referenced is subject to the Wetland Protection Act – removal of 5 pine trees within the buffer zone.

(Same scope of work as 51 Beaver Road) Bruce Meekin presented the application to the Commission requesting permission to remove five pine trees within the buffer zone. Chairman Swett asked if there any concerns from the Agent, and N. Croteau stated none.

MOTION by Peter Topor, IV to issue a Negative Determination, sighting number 3 with a condition: no stump grinding, leaving the stumps 1-2ft above grade and remove all tree debris from the site. Seconded by Dennis Cote. No further discussion.

Roll Call: Mark Swett Yes Peter Topor, IV Yes
 Dennis Cote Yes Kristin Rosenbeck Yes
 All in favor. 4/0/0.

DEP #317-452 by Ecos Energy, Monson Turnpike Road (*Asked for a Continuance*)
NOI – Proposed construction of a Large-Scale Ground-Mount Solar Array – Wetland Crossing

Applicant requested a continuance to the next regular scheduled public hearing date.

MOTION by Peter Topor, IV to continue to the next regular scheduled public hearing date as requested. Seconded by Dennis Cote. No further discussion.

Roll Call: Mark Swett Yes Peter Topor, IV Yes
 Dennis Cote Yes Kristin Rosenbeck Yes
 All in favor. 4/0/0.

DEP #317-463 by Bertin Engineering for Melink Solar LLC (*FT Smith*) (*Asked for a Continuance*)
NOI – Proposed construction of a Large-Scale Ground-Mount Solar Array on Greenwich Rd

Applicant requested a continuance to the next regular scheduled public hearing date.

MOTION by Peter Topor, IV to continue to the next regular scheduled public hearing date as requested. Seconded by Dennis Cote. No further discussion.

Roll Call: Mark Swett Yes Peter Topor, IV Yes
 Dennis Cote Yes Kristin Rosenbeck Yes
 All in favor. 4/0/0.

DEP #317-465 by Bertin Engineering for Melink Solar LLC (*Couture*) (*Asked for a Continuance*)
NOI – Proposed construction of a Large-Scale Ground-Mount Solar Array on Greenwich Rd

Applicant requested a continuance to the next regular scheduled public hearing date.

MOTION by Peter Topor, IV to continue to the next regular scheduled public hearing date as requested. Seconded by Dennis Cote. No further discussion.

Roll Call: Mark Swett Yes Peter Topor, IV Yes
 Dennis Cote Yes Kristin Rosenbeck Yes
 All in favor. 4/0/0.

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DEP #317-468 by Bertin Engineering for Melink Solar LLC (*Harder*) (*Asked for a Continuance*)
NOI – Proposed construction of a Large-Scale Ground-Mount Solar Array on Osborne Rd

Applicant requested a continuance to the next regular scheduled public hearing date.

MOTION by Dennis Cote to continue to the next regular scheduled public hearing date as requested. Seconded by Peter Topor, IV. No further discussion.

Roll Call: Mark Swett Yes Peter Topor, IV Yes
 Dennis Cote Yes Kristin Rosenbeck Yes
 All in favor. 4/0/0.

DEP #317-479 by Brandi Estridge, 67 Old Poor Farm Road (*Request a Continuance*)

NOI – Restore altered wetland area and create lawn in the buffer zone for children’s play area and chicken coop.

Applicant requested a continuance to the next regular scheduled public hearing date.

MOTION by Peter Topor, IV to continue to the next regular scheduled public hearing date as requested. Seconded by Dennis Cote. No further discussion.

Roll Call: Mark Swett Yes Peter Topor, IV Yes
 Dennis Cote Yes Kristin Rosenbeck Yes
 All in favor. 4/0/0.

ADMINISTRATION

a. **R.O.F.R-2022-01** by Corinne Campbell, Campbell Road

Right of First Refusal – Portion of Parcel 43-0-2, as shown as ANR Lot 1-1.

Discussion: N. Croteau stated this was a small parcel of land. Chairman Swett asked if this was the pasture area on the lot – yes.

MOTION by Chairman M. Swett to not act on the Right of First Refusal. Seconded by Peter Topor, IV. No further discussion.

Roll Call: Mark Swett Yes Peter Topor, IV Yes
 Dennis Cote Yes Kristin Rosenbeck Yes
 All in favor. 4/0/0.

b. Approval of Minutes: January 12th and 26th, 2022

MOTION by Peter Topor, IV to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Dennis Cote. No further discussion.

Roll Call: Mark Swett Yes Peter Topor, IV Yes
 Dennis Cote Yes Kristin Rosenbeck Yes
 All in favor. 4/0/0.

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c. Trelleborg/Lamcotec, 247 West Street, Recent Flooding

John Prenosil spoke to Chris Maclaren and stated C. Maclaren plans on hiring a local engineer within the next 2 months. Chairman Swett asked if more riprap was on the main road because this has happened before. The company installed riprap without permits and would like that to not happen again. J. Prenosil stated he would follow up. Chairman Swett stated the riprap appeared to be in the streambed and making it worse. Continued to state, maybe have the company remove the riprap from the stream and redesign. Discussion continued about possibly having a box culvert installed. J. Prenosil stated the Commission could have the clean up of the existing riprap in the stream as part of the Order and request to restore the area to pre-disturbance conditions. Chairman Swett will wait to see what the engineer submits as a design. No further discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn at 6:52 pm. All in Favor.





Next scheduled meeting is on March 09, 2022.

Minutes from February 09, 2022

Respectfully submitted by,

Nicole Croteau

Conservation Commission Administration

<i>Minutes Approved on:</i> March 9, 2022	
Swett	
Barnes	
Cote	
Rosenbeck	
Topor, IV	_____