



# TOWN OF WARE

## Conservation Commission

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Meeting Minutes from  
Wednesday, March 8, 2017  
Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room

- Commission members present: Dennis Cote, Kristin Rosenbeck, Mark Swett (Chairman)
- Conservation Staff present: Anna S. Marques
- Commission members absent: David P. Kopacz, Sr.
- Public: As taken from observations and sign-in sheet: Marilyn Supczak, Alex Krofta, Brian Klassanos, Martha Klassanos, Joseph Supczak Jr., Mark Berthiaume, Corina Supczak, Karl Lagrant

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

### 1. Applications

#### a. *NOI 317-433 Wildlife habitat improvement work at 25 Hardwick Pond Road*

Martha and Brian Klassanos presented the NOI. M. Klassanos began by submitting proof of notifying abutters. Conversation on the NOI moved forward with a brief description of the proposed ecological work involving the removal of invasive, non-native grasses and shrubs. B. Klassanos added that it would be similar to the work done before. Mainly cutting to keep invasives from foresting, maintaining them to shrubbings.

Discussion regarding priority habitat ensued. Estimated habitat located in the uplands. A review of DEP comments, the submitted Appendix A (Form 3A) and letter from Heritage regarding exemption – follow up from M. Klassanos with email of the letter to Commission members stating the exemption.

With regards to DEP comments and the sections to be reviewed, M. Klassanos continued with her presentation. The project was determined to be an ecological restoration. A written notification to the Environmental Monitor was submitted.

Questions from the public were raised: "Doesn't the work done end up in the water that feeds the town?" M. Klassanos replied that the scope of work is evasive treatment, done by state methods and precautions. Added comments from public stated that the notice mentioned dredging work. M. Klassanos explained that the work involved would not include disturbing the soil. A comment was made that the area appeared barren compared to how it looked in

the past. M. Klassanos explained that the present appearance is due to logging work that was done in the past. The concerned residents noted that they were mostly concerned because of the wording on the notice included dredging in the description and they thought soil removal was going to take place. M. Klassanos assured the residents that the scope of work is to control vegetation and that the gravel will not be touched. The notice sent followed guidelines from the WPA form. A past project was mentioned again with regards to forestry – and again it was stated that gravel cannot be removed. Clarification was made and most residents left at that point – not having any more concerns once realizing that dredging was not <sup>in</sup> the scope.

Focus returned to the NOI. Discussion regarding project’s restoration goal, location, sequence, review of the maps, flood impacts, impact of easives, proof of publication, project meeting eligibility criteria and no dredging or stream crossings involved. 310 CMR 10.53(4)5 was discussed as mentioned in DEP comments. This project is not one of the three listed, but it was determined that it can still be an ecological restoration project. Planting will be done and thinning of some plantings will be done.

M. Swett asked if there were any additional questions/comments. The Conservation Commission asked to be kept informed on the progress. M. Klassanos said she will follow up with another email of the letter from NHESP. She also stated that April will be the timing for the start of the project as it needs to be done by June 30 because of the grant.

**Motion** by Dennis Cote to approve the NOI. Seconded by Kristin Rosenbeck. So voted 3 /0 /0.

2. Old Business

- a. *Approve and sign meeting minutes from February 8, 2017.*

**Motion** by Kristen Rosenbeck to accept the meeting minutes. Mark Swett seconded. So voted 3/0/0.

3. Adjournment

**Motion** by Mark Swett to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. Seconded by Dennis Cote.

*Respectfully submitted by Anna S. Marques*

Approved on 4/12/17

Date

- Members:
- Mark Swett
  - David P. Kopacz, Sr.
  - Dennis Cote
  - Kristin Rosenbeck

