

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING with
REMOTE ZOOM MEETING OPTION
MONDAY March 4, 2024
RESOURCE ROOM
7:00 PM

Attendance: Joe Fitzpatrick, Mike Greco, Jim Foran, Brandon Faneuf Conservation Agent, Samantha Carew: assistant to Mr. Faneuf.

(0:33 TS) Chair Joe Fitzpatrick opens the meeting.

Discussion:

1. **(1:01 TS) Mail/Orders to be signed: None**

1. **Meeting Minutes: None**

1. **(1:10 TS) Request for Certificate of Compliance, (DEP #143-0661), Paul Macharia, 75 Old Farm Road, Map 237 Lot 25 – Possible Votes**

Mr. Mankaryous with Alpha Omega engineering presents for the homeowner whom is also present. They discuss the revised house plans of a smaller home than previously presented. Mr. Faneuf gives a general photographic overview of the site. There was a question of flag 1-2. There is conversation about the leech field. 1-3 Chair Fitzpatrick would like a split rail fence at the edge of the wetlands. (14:02 TS) Rebekka Klos 81 Old Farm Rd- She says there are federally classified wetlands on the proposed property. She also states that the plan does not meet title 5 setbacks. She also questions the leech field from the street. Mr. Faneuf replies. More discussion is had about previously approved plans and setbacks.

(25:15 TS) Scott Shea 71 Old Farm Rd- He wanted to alert the commission of underground water problems and the need for Zone Fracking.

He wants to know what the town is going to do if the neighborhood runs out of water. He has run out of water seven times since moving in. He speaks about how drilling the well will encroach the buffer zone.

(39:10 TS) Brandon clarifies some of the points brought up and discussion is had about the wetland disturbance.

(31:55 TS) Mr. Shea wants to go on record asking what will the town do if we run out of water?

(42:46 TS) Ms. Klos states dissatisfaction with the Conservation Commission.

(45:16 TS) Mr. Mankaryous replies and states the Board of Health approved the well.

(45:57 TS) Brandon sums up the conversations had and what the board needs to consider. He stresses the well yield, setbacks, and wetlands.

(52:20 TS) Jonathan Daignault 64 Woodland Rd speaks about his concern about drinking water. His well is 880 feet deep and still has intermittent issues with water and has run out.

(1:00 TS) Scott Shea 71 Old Farm Rd Speaks about the wetlands behind his home and that it does not replenish a well as much as needed.

(1:03 TS) Sarah Guimond whom is recording the meeting on behalf of the town points out a comment posted in the Zoom chat. It is from John Gordon 49 Woodland Rd states his water problems. He cannot water his lawn and states how precious water is.

(1:06 TS) Chair Fitzpatrick states that he wants to see records from the BOH about wells on Woodland Rd get input from zoning about the placement of the proposed home.

1:09 TS Motion by Jim to continue the hearing to March 18, 2024, 2nd Mike, Roll call: Joe, Jim, Mike- All in favor.

1. **(1:10 TS) 31 North Street, Tania Marcano-** She was not able to file her paperwork in preparation for this meeting. Continued to 3/18/24.

New Business:

5. **7:00 PM (NOI – DEP #143-10XX) PUBLIC HEARING: Notice of Intent: Paul Macharia, 75 Old Farm Rd, Map 237 Lot 25** – Possible Votes- was not addressed.

Old Business:

6. (1:13 TS) Request to be continued per applicant. **7:00 PM (ANRAD – DEP #143-1090) PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUED: Abbreviated Notice of Resource Delineation: Otwood Investment Group, LLC., 33 & 38 Caswell Court, Map 137 Lots 6 & 8** – Possible Votes
 - (1:13 TS) **Request to continue per applicant** moved to 3/18/24.
7. **7:00 PM (NOI – DEP #143-10XX) PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUED: Notice of Intent: Deer Crossing Development LLC, Woodland Road, Map 250 Lot 6** – Possible Votes
 - (1:13 TS) **Request to continue per applicant** moved to 3/18/24.
- (1:13 TS) **7:00 PM (NOI – DEP #143-10XX) PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUED: Notice of Intent: Tim & Beth Lonergan, 278 Northwest Main St (Single Family Home) Map 159 Lot 8** – Possible Votes **Request to continue per applicant** moved to 3/18/24.

Updates

- (1:14 TS) Oak Street Solar Project (DEP #143-0989)

Present are Pat Mahan civil contractor with J. Bates & Son, Jason Smith with Blue Wave Solar. 3 remote participants are Greg Morehouse project manager with Mill Creek Renewables, Steve LaRosa with Weston and Sampson & Jeff Murphy from Beals and associates. Mr. Smith provides an update and describes that he handed out PFAS testing results. He then turns the meeting over to Mr. LaRosa and he goes over the PFAS results from the site. He explains sampling locations and the findings.

(1:23 TS) Mr. Faneuf gives an update and he states that Senator Ryan Fattman will potentially be visiting the site on 3/22/24. Hailey Ward is peer-reviewing Basin 1 and 5.

(1:25 TS) Pat Mahan gives a comprehensive construction update of the project.

(1:32 TS) Laurie Hout 41 Oak St states that she still has water on her property and she shared with Mr. Faneuf videos and photos.

(1:34 TS) Everyone addresses the Haley Ward inspection report. Conversation is had about basins 2 & 5 and questions are asked about when basin 5 will be fully functional. Brandon talks about the water table. Chair Fitzpatrick speaks about the natural flow of water and how he feels it should have been more planned out. Jeff Murphy from Beals & Associates speaks about the runoff and water direction and he shares detailed plans.

(1:53 TS) Laurie Hout 41 Oak St asks if Brandon received her email about infiltration rates and the types of soils that are on the site. She would like to know what is going to happen to make the soil effective in holding the water. She is frustrated by the water flow on her property. The chair expresses his dissatisfaction.

(2:04 TS) Shirley Mosczynski 60 Oak St talks about water flow and water leaving the site and how she can see still hear water gurgling in the catch basins. Mr. Smith replies they have made changes and that his understanding that there has always been a water problem there. Chair Fitzpatrick states that he is not aware of them and he has been here since 1980.

(2:09 TS) Mr. Faneuf asks Mr. Murphy when they will have a revised plan of Basin 1 and 5. He is hoping to have something together in a few weeks.

(2:12 TS) Phyllis Charpentier from Manchaug Pond Foundation points out how the pond is open for swimming on April 1st and she wants to stress the urgency of getting this fixed.

(2:15 TS) Charlotte Kroll 78 Torey Rd Sutton Her concern is once the plans are reviewed how will this changed the amount of water in her pond.

(2:19 TS) Chair Fitzpatrick states he wants to continue the conversation until every has all the information they need. Mr. Faneuf talks with Beals and Thomas about realistic timing for new plans and reviews. They agree to continue to April 22, 2024.

- (2:23 TS) CRG, 105 & 123 Gilboa St (DEP #143-1042) Mr. Faneuf states that Doug Bush from Haley Ward put out a storm damage restoration plan. It was under peer review and they now have the report to discuss. It is dated February 20, 2024. Also present is Mitchell Rausch from Clayco. The Chair again asks for the TPOP maps he asked for last meeting. Mr. Roush is just filling in for the civil engineer. He discusses storage tanks and catch basins being full. Chair Fitzpatrick states there is sediment in the pond. Mr. Rausch states he and his contractor will go out tomorrow and make repairs.
- (2:32 TS) Mr. Faneuf turns the meeting over to Mr. Bush to address the Haley Ward report. They go through all the counts. Mr. Rausch states that all of Haley Ward findings were addressed in an email to Matt Benoit, the Director of Community development but it was not received by Haley Ward.
- (2:37 TS) Mr. Fitzpatrick states to Mr. Faneuf that he would like to hold off on any further discussion until everyone has seen all comments and the Chair has the as built plans. Continued to April 1st.
- (2:40 TS) Lakeshore Drive Enforcement Order- Present are Dave Cahill. He speaks about that he was ordered to provide an as built plan but snow hampered that plan. Mr. Faneuf states he has been out there and they have done a lot of work. Mr. Cahill will have them done soon and will forward it to the board.
- (2:42 TS) They discuss road ownership for Lakeshore Drive and discuss the association. Mr. Faneuf reads an email in for the record. It is from Attorney Mark Wickstrom and breakdown the association and membership.
- (2:45 TS) Robert Moran 56 Lakeshore Dr- Asks if everyone on the road was notified about the road association. He asks to be notified about any proceedings.
- (2:47 TS) Jim Foran makes a motion to adjourn, 2nd Mike Greco. All in favor.

Upcoming Meetings: March 18, 2024 & April 1, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Larson