

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Remote Zoom Meeting

August 12, 2021

Opened 7:03 PM

Members Present: Matt Puntin, Linda Tvrdy, Reba Schecter, Josh Briggs, Mark Caldwell, Laura Lee Bertram

Others Present: Brent White (White Engineering), Mike Kulig, (Berkshire Engineering), Tom Mouglin

1. RDA – 103 Goose Pond Road, Mouglin.

- a. Matt is recusing himself and turning meeting over to Josh to chair.
- b. Josh asked Mike Kulig for a little more information on the flow rate of the stream. Josh also asked Mike how he knew he had the correct point to measure from. Mike Kulig shared his screen and gave a presentation of how Berkshire Engineering determined intermittent vs perianal. Mike Kulig recapped for the Commission how he reached 0.48.
- c. A conversation ensued about quad maps and "picking a point". Josh and Reba both agreed with Mike Kulig that it was close, but feel the stream is intermittent.
- d. Linda Tvrdy asked Mike K if he ran the test at different points up and down the stream with the same results, Mike responded yes, until 340' North of the work area. Linda concluded that it's close, but the date puts this stream within intermittent regulation.
- e. Mark had concerns last week but he agrees that this stream is intermittent. Mark also commented that it was clear to see Berkshire Engineering has looked at this many different ways.
- f. Josh made a motion to issue a negative 3 determination following the submitted plan. Linda seconded. Passed unanimously

2. OOC Amendment, 137 Jerusalem Road, DEP # 310-0132. Matt took over chairing the meeting.

- a. Brent White explained that the nature of the project is till similar to the original plan. The amendment proposes adding 48' of sandy beach, patio, utility work and a treehouse.
- b. Matt asked Brent if this was the same bank work, but removing part of the stone wall and replacing with a sandy beach. Bret agreed.
- c. Linda questioned erosion control of a wall vs sandy beach. Brent explained that the hillside grading diverts the run off away from the pond. Erosion would be very minimal.
- d. Linda asked when the manmade pond was created. Brent estimated 50-60 years ago.
- e. Reba questioned the effects this change would have on wildlife. Bret referred to a Wildlife Study the owners had recently conducted on the pond that shows very little wildlife on the shore of this pond.
- f. Matt made a motion to amend the Order of Conditions with the same timing based upon the submitted amendment plan. Josh seconded. Passed unanimously

3. Remote vs In-Person Meetings

- a. The Commission discussed the pros and cons of remote vs in-person meetings. The biggest con of remote meetings is not getting signatures in a timely manner. Matt suggested the Commission appoint Laura Lee as their Agent, that signs with approval of the Commission. The Commission may approve verbally, via email or in a meeting.
- b. Matt made a motion that we allow Laura Lee Bertram to sign document on the Conservation Commissions behalf, only after the Commission members have reviewed and approved. Mark seconded. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05. All members in favor.

APPROVED



Laura Lee Bertram on behalf of the Conservation Commission

9/8/2021

Date

Approved by:

Date:

Via:

Matt Puntin

8/19/2021

Email - 3:59pm

Joshua Briggs

8/20/2021

Email - 11:58AM

Linda Trvdy

8/22/2021

Email - 1:25pm

Reba Schecter

8/22/2021

Email - 3:44pm

Mark Caldwell



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By unanimous Vote on August 12, 2021, the individuals below have authorized the Tyringham Conservation Commission to accept the following policy.

To authorize the secretary to sign on behalf of the Commissioners any and all documents issued by the Tyringham Conservation Commission.

This policy shall remain in force until rescinded by vote of the Commissioners.

Matthew Puntin

Linda Tvrdy

Reba Schecter

Joshua Briggs

Mark Caldwell

Laura Lee Bertram, Secretary