

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 13, 2018

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, Jack Messe, Karen Miller, Lisa Oden, Kleta Dudley (SoRLAC Representative), Lori Rautiola

ABSENT: Matt Oliveira, Michael Bara

The meeting was called to order at the Town Office on June 13, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

The minutes of the May 9, 2018 meeting were reviewed and the following corrections were made. Karen noted Lisa was present. Third paragraph down remove the word "take". Jack made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Lisa seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Committee Reports: Bob reported Jack, David and he made a site visit to Wildcat Association property on Chapman Road for a wetland permit submitted by Wildcat Hill Condo Association, 14 Wildcat Hill Road. Bob stated the road is in need of maintenance and the homeowner's need to install a culvert to repair the driveway. Bob noted he did not have any concerns. Members discussed and agreed there was no issues. Lisa made a motion to approve the wetland permit application. Karen seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Bob, David and Jack attended a site visit to 40 Finn Hill Drive for a wetland permit application submitted by Mr. Walter Saari to allow a driveway culvert to cross a seasonal stream in order to access a building lot. Jack noted it was a small seasonal stream and a straight forward process and members agreed. Bob made a motion to approve the wetland permit application. Jack seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Commission discussed another wetland permit application before them for 410 Ashby Road, Elizabeth Freeman. Bob stated there are no issues with the application. Bob made a motion to approve the wetland permit application. Lisa seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Jack questioned the need for a quorum in order to have a site visit and Bob responded a quorum was not necessary for a site visit; however, one is needed in order to vote which can be taken at a posted site visit. Bob noted he spoke with a woman at NHDES who is on the Salem Conservation Commission, she recommended the Commission set aside a day of the month to schedule site visits so members can keep that day somewhat open in case a site visit does arise. It was noted for members to try and keep the Saturday before the Commission's monthly meetings open for the site visits.

Signs: David noted the Williams Property sign is ready to go up. Bob added that one will need two 4x4 posts in the ground. David also mentioned the Nussdorfer sign is ready and he can put that sign up soon.

Upcoming Events: Bob mentioned the building season has started and would like to discuss the building permit process; the environmental considerations are not on the building permit checklist. He stated there should be a joint committee with Planning, Zoning, and Conservation representatives to implement what goes on the building permit application. Bob continued stating the setbacks are not on the building permit application and the Commissions concerns are not being properly considered in the building process. Bob questioned how to have the first steps in the building process added the building checklist. He stated having the setbacks checked by the Building Inspector before the applicant can start to excavate, checking the siltation/erosion barriers are in place and a third inspection to see the barriers are being maintained should be added to the checklist. Bob stated there has always been resistance when trying to implement these areas into the permit process. David added most likely because of the added cost of hiring someone to do the inspections. Karen questioned the amount of time this would add to the Building Department's part time positions. David also questioned if there is ever a decision to delineate wetlands on the proposed building lots. Bob added it is important to have the setbacks for streams and wetlands in the building

inspection process. It was noted Bob will schedule a meeting with the Building Inspector and Selectmen to follow up with these suggestions.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Rautiola