

TOWN OF PRINCETON

BOARD/COMMITTEE: PRINCETON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

DATE: November 21, 2017

TIME: 7:00

LOCATION: Town Hall Annex

Attendance: Chairman Brian Keevan, Ron Thompson, Barbara Laughlin, Brett Trowbridge, Rachael Catlow, and Susan Mitchell. *Votes taken in the following actions are "all in favor" unless noted otherwise.*

Brian Keevan called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM with (continued) Public Hearings:

Item 1: Continued public hearing on Notice of Intent (NOI) for work on a single family addition at 72 Beaman Road for was submitted by Felicitas Fandreyer and Roland Meunier. The MassDEP issued File Number #267-0399. A new wetlands delineation and report are currently in progress by Charles Caron from Caron Engineering. The property has a significant number of trees (over 200). The Princeton Conservation Commission (Commission) has recommended that either groups of trees or significantly large individual trees be shown on the plan and where these trees are located in relation to the wetlands and associated buffer zone(s) under Wetlands Protection Act (WPA) jurisdiction. The property owner(s) are adding tree removal work to the proposed work that was not included in the original NOI. The Commission's response is for applicant(s) to submit a revised NOI and associated wetlands report and revised plans to clearly show revised buffer zones, wetland flag labels, all areas of proposed work and trees and/or tree removal areas in relation to any jurisdictional areas. The Commission will also request a site walk to review all revised documents and expanded scope of work.

Item 2: Continued public hearing for Manero Realty Trust/Nabil Roufail on NOI for pavement work in the buffer zone at 23 Hubbardston Road in Princeton (Map 12A, Lot 30). The property owner promptly cleaned up trash and debris in response to an email request by the PCC following the October 16, 2017 PCC meeting. PCC members inspected the hillside for signs of erosion during and after the significant rainfall events that occurred on or around October 25, 2017. The Commission will send an email to check on progress of engineering reports, get some additional information for timeline of submittals. PCC members will also inspect the toe of the slope and adjacent areas, and if there are significant impacts/impairments of the resource areas due to scouring by surface water runoff from the parking lot.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Item 1: Request for Certificate of Compliance (COC) for 6 Jefferson Road. The Mass DEP issued File Number 267-0398. On Sunday, November 19, 2017, PCC members attended site visits at 12:00 and 3:00 at the property. Christopher Knuth of Geo-Services prepared revised plans dated November 17, 2017, which were submitted to the Commission. Mary Ann DiPinto submitted the Revised Plan and met with the Commission to request that a Partial COC be approved. The Commission voted to issue a Partial COC with ongoing conditions. The Commission noted that at least Special Condition #8 for stabilized site conditions and General Condition #18 for maintaining erosion controls are outstanding. The Commission motioned that the new property owner(s) meet with the Commission within 30 days of taking possession of the property. Once the site is stabilized, the new property must request a full COC to be approved.

Item 2: Follow-up on emergency repair on East Princeton Road for the Princeton Department of Public Works (DPW). On October 30, 2017, Brian Keevan, Chairman of the Commission, was contacted by Glen Lyons of the DPW regarding washout of road material from above and around two culverts. Brian Keevan inspected the road and issued an Emergency Certification to use crushed stone covered by rip-rap, and then millings to complete a

temporary roadway. The road was paved within days of the initial damage. A NOI was not required as a condition of the Emergency Certification since future repair work the affected culverts is planned and a NOI will be submitted for that work. The Commission ratified the Emergency Certification on November 21, 2017.

Item 3: The Commission discussed issuance of Emergency Certification for Coal Kiln Road pavement damage repairs related to culverts for Babcock Brook where it passes beneath the roadway. Susan Mitchell will contact Glen Lyons of the DPW to ascertain the scope of repair work performed on October 31, 2017 to repair the area around/above the culvert(s) and road surface. For the Emergency Certification, Susan will fill in a description of work and the Commission will inspect the culvert repairs and ratify the Emergency Certification.

Item 4: 346 Princeton Road (State Route 62) in Sterling. The Sterling Conservation Commission held a meeting on November 8, 2017. The Sterling Conservation encouraged the property owner to hire a wetlands scientist. The property owner conducted unauthorized work on the property and possibly on the property abutting to the west located in Princeton. Currently, the property owner of 346 Princeton Road is responsible for stabilizing the site, maintain erosion control, stabilize site soils, and submit a NOI to the Sterling Conservation Commission for any work within jurisdictional areas. PCC will consult for any work on the Princeton side of the impacted jurisdictional areas.

Commission Other Business, Mail, Procedures, etc.:

Town Pound work is progressing and the Boy Scout Eagle Project has received applicable approvals and the Scout is moving forward with soliciting pro bono work from local tree removal specialists. Brian Keevan would like to be present during the site meeting with the prospective tree removal contractor and the Scout to review the scope of work.

A Conservation Commission Member observed the commencement of site preparation work at parcel of land adjacent to or near the southeast corner of Calamint Hill Road North and Hubbardston Road (State Road 62). Currently, completed site work includes installation of an access driveway, limited tree removal, installation of a potable well, and multiple sand deliveries. The Commission will contact the current land owner via email to discuss potential wetlands issues on the property.

The Commission approved meeting minutes with minor changes from October 17, 2017.
The next PCC meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2017.

Forest Cutting Plan: The Commission received a Forest Cutting Plan for the property owned by Heifer Project International. Work is to be started ASAP.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Laughlin