

## Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

September 21<sup>st</sup> 2016 7:30pm Town Hall

### Members:

Joan Deely  
Charles Blanker  
Michael Barry  
Leslie Powers  
Charles Eiseman  
Admin. Assistant

### Guests:

### Documents:

## 7:33 Charles Blanker called the meeting to order

### Formal Hearings, WPA Filings & Followups

#### **New Business : Warwick Road - Northfield Mount Hermon NOI**

Bill Llewelyn spoke with Bill Lattrell about a conversation Lattrell had with Eversource. Evidently DEP has ordered work on the road to be completed by Eversource. The commission is confused as why we have not been notified via email, mail or telephone by the DEP or Eversource. The documents received throughout the month in regards to this NOI have been reviewed. Did the enforcement order go directly to NMH or Eversource? Blanker makes a motion to reopen the hearing on Warwick Road. Joan seconds. All in favor, motion passed. Blanker makes a motion to continue the hearing to our regularly scheduled October meeting on the 19th. Leslie seconds. All in favor. Motion passed. Bill Lattrell mentioned to Bill L. that this can be handed over to the DEP in the future if necessary. Charles Blanker will be reaching out for clarification from DEP.

**New Business** We are not sure of the correct total amount for the Warwick Road NOI. We received 262.50. We will check with the accountant to see if any other checks have already been deposited.

**New Business** We have received a bill from Bill Lattrell there is a date discrepancy on the site visit, it has been changed. The total is \$1091.20. This is for his August work, three site visits, a public hearing, travel cost and response letters. Blanker motions to approve the bill, Eiseman seconds. All in favor.

**Old Business: Sisson Pond** We have talked with the applicant and relayed the message the original signature sheet was sent with the original OOC.

**Last Minute Additions (*Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair 48 Hrs in Advance of the Meeting*)** Septic paper work was in the mail. We are unsure if this form is a correct application for Wetland work. Board of health allows leach field within 50 feet of Wetland this does not mean they are exempt from filing. The applicant should file an RDA for work within a buffer zone of a wetland.

#### **G.L. Ch. 44 53G Rules for Hiring Outside Consultants**

This states that in the future we can have the applicant pay for any outside consulting for a particular project. Applicants would be informed ahead of time an estimated fee. This must be paid prior to any action being taken. An account would be opened and return of any remaining funds would go to the applicant if outside consultant does not use entire account. Leslie questions, we can do disbursements, but if we have several accounts open, must they be separate? Blanker responds only on paper, you do not need separate bank accounts. Bill L. asks if we go over the funds what happens? The commission may request additional fees if there was any new information received or if the bill is higher than expected. Mike Barry states we would have an

agreement with consultant not to go over the budgeted amount until additional funds are received. Failure by applicant to pay the fee shall be cause for commission to deny application. Joan states should this be brought to the select boards attention? It could be best to get more public attention. Blanker states we should schedule a formal hearing and put a notice in the paper for this topic. Eiseman will put the notice in the paper and notify the select board.

**Budget** - there is a bill from the MACC conference. Blanker moves we approve the bill. Leslie seconds. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Reading and approval of previous minutes** - 8/31 Blanker made a motion to approve meeting, Joan seconds, all in favor, motion passed.

**Forest Cutting Plans** - Aubrey Dickman 8 Littell Road was received, reviewed and filed. Redemption Christian Academy 154 South Mountain Road was received, reviewed and filed.

**Emails, Mail & Announcements** - reviewed and filed.

### 8:51 Adjourn

Leslie made a motion to close the meeting. Eiseman seconded, six out of six VOTED in favor. Motion carried.

Date Approved: 1/19/17

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William Llewelyn, Chairman

