

TOWN OF SOMERS
Conservation Commission
600 Main Street
P.O. Box 308

REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 2019
7:00 PM TOWN HALL
MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER – Meeting called to order by Commissioner Greg Genlot at 7:00 P.M. Commissioners in attendance were Daniel Fraro, Drew Kukucka and Candace Aleks, Secretary. Joanna Shapiro, Wetland Agent, was also present.

II. OLD BUSINESS –

1. **Discussion/Possible Decision: Application #729** 130 Hampden rd. Removal of invasive Phragmites from pond. Taylor Atkinson.

As of July 1st we have a revised plan with a silt fence shown to contain sediment downgradient from the stockpile area. Wetland Agent Shapiro was satisfied with the revision.

Dan Fraro made the motion to approve the Application based on the plan revised July 1.

Candace Aleks seconded. All in Favor. Motion passed.

III. NEW BUSINESS –

1. **Application #730:** 183 Mountain Road. Stream crossing and construction of driveway in Upland Review Area, associated with construction of new house, as previously approved (WP #534, which has expired). Amy Eastman.

Plan originally approved in 2006 was presented, which the new property owners would like to follow. Gillette Brook crosses through the front of this property. The driveway will be constructed partially within an easement on an adjoining property in the Upland Review Area, and will also require crossing an intermittent watercourse, but avoids crossing Gillette Brook. Agent Shapiro will go out to inspect the property and review the plans. She will also review the storm water analysis with the Town Engineer.

2. **Jurisdictional Ruling/Possible Application #731:** 420 Springfield Rd. Installation of a flood control device to mitigate beaver damage. Richard Bailey.

Beavers have built a dam 20 feet from Mr. Bailey's driveway. He wants to work with a consultant to develop a plan to coexist with the beavers by installing exclusionary fencing and a flexible pipe through the dam so that the dam will not flood the driveway. The discussion is whether this pipe installation is an exempt activity or whether a permit is necessary. The application form has been submitted, and the Commission could waive the fee if a permit is required.

By consensus, the Commission determined that a permit is required, yet the fee shall be waived, as a matter of public safety and conservation. Commissioner Greg Genlot suggested having Mr. Bailey's Consultant provide a more specific plan on how this pipe design would work on site.

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - None

V. STAFF REPORT

Wetland Agent Shapiro distributed and discussed the Wetland's Agent Report.

Dan Fraro made the motion to accept the Wetland's Agent Report.
Drew Kukucka seconded. All in Favor. Motion passed.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE AND BILLS.

A bill for \$64.53 from the Journal Inquirer was presented.

Dan Fraro made the motion to pay the bill.
Drew Kukucka seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion passed.

VII. MINUTES APPROVAL for June 5, 2019.

Dan Fraro made the motion to accept the minutes of June 5, 2019.
Drew Kukucka seconded. All in Favor. Minutes were approved.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT -

Dan Fraro made the motion to Adjourn.
Drew Kukucka seconded. All in Favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Commissioner Candace Aleks, Secretary

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