

TOWN OF HOPKINTON

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

TOWN HALL 18 MAIN STREET
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September 27, 2022
Hopkinton Senior Center, 28 Mayhew Street

Called to Order: 7:00 PM
Adjourned: 7:35 PM

Members Present: Ted Barker-Hook, Jeffrey Barnes, Ed Harrow, Melissa Recos, Kerry Reed, Susan McArthur: Interim Conservation Administrator, Anna Rogers: Administrative Assistant

Members Absent: Jim Ciriello, Janine LeBlanc

7:00 PM Commission Business

- The Commission signed the following documents:
 - 188-1438, Thomas, 84 Pine Island Rd - Extension Permit
 - HCC-42, Eversource, 52 Wilson St - Certificate of Compliance
 - RDA 2022-9, Prasanth Manalavan, 105 Saddle Hill Rd - Determination of Applicability
- Draft Minutes for review. Mr. Barker-Hook made a motion to approve the Minutes of August 23, 2022. The motion was seconded by Ms. Reed and it passed unanimously.
- 188-1784, Town of Hopkinton DPW, Lake Maspenock – Request to use Tool Box Item. John Westerling, DPW Director, stated the DPW has been working with the Lake Maspenock Weed Advisory Committee (LMWAC) and performed a recent survey of the lake. He stated the water quality is good, but there was an extreme amount of weeds.

Ms. Recos arrived at this time.

Mr. Westerling stated drawdown has been the most effective method in the past and its cost effective and easy to do. He stated they are requesting an 8 foot drawdown this year. He stated five years ago it was very effective, but two years ago the weather was too mild and wasn't as effective. Mr. Barker-Hook asked about timing as the Commission hasn't had a chance to review the submitted information. Mr. Westerling stated he would like to open the gate in late September/early October. Ms. Recos asked if hand harvesting of the weeds could be done with the water levels down. Mr. Westerling stated that wouldn't be something that Town would pursue, but homeowners would be welcome to remove them. The Commission determined to allow the standard five foot drawdown and continue the discussion to October 18, 2022 to review the additional drawdown up to eight feet.

- 188-1530, Lussier, 4 Valentine Circle – Request for Certificate of Compliance. Mark Arnold, Goddard Consulting. Mr. Arnold gave an overview of the COC request:
 - Property has been sold and the replication was a condition from the previous 188-485 filing
 - Spoke regarding existing conditions and history behind property
 - Spoke regarding the herbaceous plantings and the density of the existing shrub layer
 - Owner performed invasive species removal
 - Significant deer browsing on the property
 - Reviewed the Goddard Consulting, LLC inspection report dated September 27, 2022
 - Getting natural growth back in the area in addition to the plantings

The Commission reviewed the Lucas Environmental memo dated September 9, 2022. Ms. McArthur stated Mr. Orzel stated the cumulative planting percentage meets the requirements. Ms. Reed made a motion to approve and issue a Certificate of Compliance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harrow and it passed unanimously. The Commission signed a signature page for the Certificate.

- 188-1778, Allen, 40 Rocky Woods Rd – Request for Certificate of Compliance. Dan McIntyre, MESS, Inc. A discussion was held regarding the Lucas Environmental memo dated September 9, 2022. It was noted there are some sparse patches of grass, but no erosion issues. Ms. Reed made a motion to approve and issue a Certificate of Compliance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harrow and it passed unanimously. The Commission signed a signature page for the Certificate.
- OSPC, Hopkinton Town Forest (R22 24 0) – Exemption Request. Steven Levandosky, OSPC member, stated the OSPC is requesting to construct a 30 foot long, 2.5 foot wide bridge with ramps on both ends along the Blue Trail, over a wetland system. The Commission approved the Exemption Request.
- Lake Maspenock – Weed Status. A discussion was held regarding a recent boat trip some members took to review the weeds on Lake Maspenock. Mr. Harrow noted the following:
 - Reviewed some of the Commission projects
 - Weeds are semi-natural process, but has been exacerbated
 - Sympathize with lake residentsMr. Barker-Hook noted the following:
 - Saw more weeds than last trip
 - Seems as though properties with lawn to the edge of the Lake has more weeds and properties with more natural vegetation has less weeds
 - Noticeable difference, but hard to tell if coincidenceMs. Recos noted the following:
 - New species of weeds than before
 - Noticed that where there was activity, no weedsMr. Barnes stated he didn't take trip, but the North basin seems much weedier than the South this year. He stated the LMWAC has been working with the Lake Maspenock Preservation Association (LMPA) about informing residents about not using fertilizers, hand harvesting the weeds and trying to keep runoff to a minimum.
- 188-1785, 1 Oakhurst Rd. Mr. Barker-Hook noted it appears as though the plantings have not been completed and the area is still being mowed regularly. It was determined to have Ms. Ciaramicoli follow up with the applicant when she returned.
- The Commission thanked Ms. McArthur for her work filling in over the summer.

**7:34 PM Jackson, 132 Clinton Street
Amended Notice of Intent – continuation**

DEP File No. 188-1707

The hearing was continued without discussion to December 20, 2022.

7:34 PM **MA Laborers Training T.F., 37 East Street** **DEP File No. 188-1741**
Notice of Intent – continuation (pond dredging)

The hearing was continued without discussion to November 15, 2022.

7:34 PM **Aho, 103 Wood Street** **DEP File No. 188-1759**
Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation – continuation

The application was withdrawn without prejudice.

7:34 PM **The Trails, LLC, 0 Legacy Farms North** **DEP File No. 188-1649**
Amended Notice of Intent - continuation

The hearing was continued without discussion to October 18, 2022.

Adjourned: 7:35 PM