

**Templeton Conservation Commission
Monthly Meeting Minutes
THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2014
TOWN OFFICES – SELECTMEN’S CONFERENCE ROOM – 690 PATRIOTS ROAD**

**Present: George Andrews, Chairman, Justin Duplessis, David Symonds, Irwin Hendricken
Janet Haley, Conservation Commission Department Assistant**

Open Public Meeting

George Andrews, Chairman, opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. A quorum was present.

Ratification of Meeting Minutes – March 17, 2014

Irwin Hendricken moved and Justin Duplessis seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the March 17, 2014 minutes as submitted. All were in favor.

Chairman Report

George Andrews, chairman, gave his report.

- **Miscellaneous Emails/Phone Calls**

- George presented a number of emails to the Conservation Commission which had come to the office over the last month. All Conservation Commissioners with email had received the same prior to the meeting.
- George informed Commissioners he had received a call from the State regarding Route 101/Gardner Road and Route 68. He said they will be submitting paperwork to the Commission regarding tarring those roads. The Commission will discuss when the paperwork has been submitted.
- George reported a Site Inspection application was received for Sunrise Drive today. He will follow up on the application and get back to Commissioners to schedule a site walk on the property.
- George reported he had received emails and phones call from a David Crispin from the BSC Group regarding a Septic System improvement at the “Greenhouse” on Freight Shed Road at the Templeton Developmental Center. He was seeking the Commissioner’s thoughts on whether the group should be filing a Request for Determination or a Notice of Intent on the project. George requested and the Commissioners agreed to do a site walk on the property Friday night, April 25, 2014 to determine which filing should be done. He said he would contact Mr. Crispin with the Commissioner’s decision following the site walk.

DOA TenK Solar Project – RDA #2013-05 – Name Change

Wesley Flis of Whitman and Bingham came before the Commission to alert them to a name change for the TenK Solar project located off Farnsworth Road. He requested the signatures of the Commission on a new RDA with the name change noted. He told Commissioners the Planning Board voted on March 25th to accept and endorse the name change on the Site Plan approval and was requesting the same from the Commission.

DOA TenK Solar Project – RDA #2013-05 – Name Change (continued)

The name of the new LLC is Sunny Templeton.

Justin Duplessis moved and Irwin Hendricken seconded the motion to accept and endorse the name change for the RDA for 133 Farnsworth Road from TenK Solar, 9549 Penn Ave. South, Bloomington, MN 55431 to Sunny Templeton, 9549 Penn Ave. South, Bloomington, MN 55431. David Symonds abstained from the vote, as he is an abutter to the property. All others were in favor of the motion. The Commissioners also signed the new RDA and retained a copy for its files.

Wesley Flis assured the Commission he would come before it, again, once construction of the project starts later this spring.

Other

Shannon Stickney of School House Road requested Commissioners consider walking a site on that road, which she alleges is being stripped within the wetlands. She said the men doing the work told her they were making a trail for four wheelers and clearing dead trees from the last ice storm in 2008. She said the Chief of Police had been called to the site and told the men that no work should be done in this area without permission, as it is a town banking.

Mr. Andrews responded if the work is being done within a 50 foot buffer zone of the wetlands, they need to come before the Commission to explain their intentions so that either a Request for Determination or a Notice of Intent can be filed.

Commissioner Justin Duplessis said he would be willing to do a site walk of the property as he is closest to it. Other Commissioners agreed to do a site walk when they are able to do so, individually. George said once all Commissioners have seen the property, they can discuss a decision on what needs to be done. He said he may also need to get the DEP involved, if there are violations and the use of land has changed from its original use. It was also agreed that Janet Haley should look at whether these properties have a prior NOI and what the status of those are at this time.

Royalston Road – Commissioner Irwin Hendricken brought to the Commission's attention, again, that he was not informed as an abutter about cutting being done on that road before it began. George informed him that he spoke with three different individuals from the State regarding the cutting and it was determined if it was not in the wetlands, there was nothing the Commission could do about it. It was acknowledged, however, that abutters should have been notified of the cutting prior to it starting, but that was not done.

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Churchill, Shady Lane and Turner Lane – George reported he looked at these sites regarding wetlands and projects that were happening on these roads. He said on Turner Lane, a porch was being constructed, but it was outside the buffer zone, so there was nothing that needed to be done by Conservation. He said other Commissioners may want to look at the Churchill and Shady Lane areas before a decision can be made on these.

Route 68 – Justin Duplessis said he received a complaint about a vernal pool on Route 68 being filled in. He said he checked out the area and noted it was a very small wetlands and he was unsure if was a vernal pool, but would continue to keep his eyes on it.

Adjournment

Justin Duplessis moved and David Symonds seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet R. Haley

Conservation Commission Dept. Assistant

Meeting Documents

The following documents are on file in the Conservation Commission Office:

**RDA #2013-05 – TenK Solar (Sunny Templeton) Project – 133 Farnsworth Road,
Templeton
Site Inspection – Sunrise Drive**