

**Templeton Conservation Commission
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 19, 2013
690 Patriots Road, Templeton, Board of Selectmen's Conference Room**

Present:

George Andrews, Chairman

David Symonds, Justin Duplessis

Janet Haley, Conservation Commission Department Assistant

Open Public Meeting

George Andrews, Chairman, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

Ratification of Meeting Minutes

David Symonds moved and Justin Duplessis seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the July 15, 2013 meeting. All were in favor.

Chairman Report

George Andrews, chairman, gave his report.

- **Miscellaneous Emails**

- George presented a number of emails to the Conservation Commission which had come to the office over the last month. All Conservation Commissions with email had received the same prior to the meeting.

- **For Signature**

- **COC for NOI #304-0132** – Templeton Trust – Robert M. Hicks, Inc. – Gavin Road – Mr. Andrews explained to Commissioners following the site walk on the property, it was agreed a Certificate of Compliance would be granted for the Culvert on this property at this time. He said the gravel operation itself is not included in this COC, as the pit needs to be closed before the Commission can sign off on that part of the project. He said a closing on the property is in the process.

David Symonds moved and Justin Duplessis seconded the motion to sign the Certificate of Compliance for NOI #304-0132 just for the culvert. All were in favor.

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- **For Signature (continued)**

- **COC for NOI #304-0284** – Gary Lorden, Benjamin Builders – 6 Gary Road – Mr. Andrews explained that only this NOI could be approved by the Commissioners for signature at this time, as the other NOIs #304-0300, 304-0303, and #304-0253 also being requested for COCs cannot because of various issues still pending on these properties.

In a letter sent to Beauchemin Engineering Inc. and Benjamin Builders on July 22, 2013 he explained that for NOI #304-300, Victoria Drive Lot 21-37 – the black silt fencing still needs to be removed; on NOI #304-0303 – Lot 61 – the hay bales and stakes holding them still have to be removed and there are three areas that have eroded in front of them from the water that runs off Victoria Drive and from the three driveways across the street down the driveway at this house that need to be addressed; and on NOI 304-0253 – this is for the entire Cooks Pond project, and until the other NOIs are completed this cannot be signed off on.

Justin Duplessis moved and David Symonds seconded the motion to sign the Certificate of Compliance for NOI #304-0284 and put all other requests on hold until the applicant gets back to the Commission on the other issues. All were in favor.

- **Other**

George Andrews requested a vote of the Commissioners to appoint someone from the Commission to the town's Community Preservation Committee. He has agreed to be appointed to the Committee, if it is voted by the Commission.

David Symonds moved and Justin Duplessis seconded the motion to appoint Mr. Andrews to the Community Preservation Committee. All were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

7:15 PM **Jessica Wheeler – Notice of Intent - #304-0324 (CONTINUATION)**
Project Location: **Royalston Road – Assessors Map 4-3, Parcel/Lot #29**
Representative: **Kevin Horgan – GRAZ Engineering LLC**
Project Description: **Construction of a single family house, septic, and driveway.**

In response to the Commissioners' concerns addressed at its July 15, 2013, **Greg Graves from GRAZ Engineering** informed the Commissioners the plans for the property have been revised, noting three differences from the original plans: 1) there will be a dry well for roof runoff; 2) the silt fence has been moved and swales have been added to accommodate the work being done on the property; and 3) more ribbons have been added to address the upgrade and drop off on the cart road. He also added the vegetation and soils for the cart road have been

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PUBLIC HEARINGS (continued)

7:15 PM Jessica Wheeler – Notice of Intent - #304-0324 (continued)

looked at, again, and the driveway is now 12' wide and there is now a stone wall to help minimize the grading, as well.

Justin Duplessis commented he thought the changes made to the plans were good, especially the addition of the dry wall, as well as the doubling up at the driveway of the silt fence, as it is close to the wetlands

David Symonds recommended that haybales be maintained throughout the project, as there is a lot of material being brought onto the property and a lot of erosion could take place if they are not kept up.

Abutter Robert Mitchell, who had attended last month's meeting, commented he was still not in favor of this project. He said the only place where there is no water of the property is where the house is being situated. The rest of the property is underwater. He was also concerned about the amount and type of material being brought onto the property and how long the septic system for the property was expected to "live" under these conditions. He projects a "pyramid" out there at some point, he said. He suggested that "good sized rocks" be put out there and that there is guaranteed to be flooding on both sides of the road in April next year. He sees it being a huge cost to keeping out the water, especially when the fire pond starts to rise and seeps out to the road.

Commission Chairman George Andrews said the Commissioners expect to put conditions on the Order for this property, including maintenance and up keep of the silt fencing.

Justin Duplessis moved and David Symonds seconded the motion to close the hearing for NOI 304-0324, Royalston Road, Lot #29. All were in favor.

David Symonds moved and Justin Duplessis seconded the motion to issue the Order of Conditions for NOI #304-0324, Royalston Road, Lot #29 with the noted conditions. All were in favor. The Commissioners agreed to send Chairman Andrews their recommendations for conditions via email so the OOC can be finalized and sent out to the applicant.

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OTHER

Chairman George Andrews informed Commissioners he has given the Town Coordinator a number of pictures he had taken of the Town's Senior Center project off Bridge Street. He noted the silt fences are down and water is running over the fences. He has talked to Highway Superintendent "Bud" Chase, but has not received an adequate response since bringing the issues to light three weeks ago. He said if the issues are not addressed by the town, the Commission may need to consider issuing an Enforcement Order to stop all work on the project.

ADJOURNMENT

David Symonds moved and Justin Duplessis seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet R. Haley
Conservation Commission
Department Assistant

Meeting Documents

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

NOI #304-0324 – Jessica Wheeler

NOI #304-0300, 0303, 0284, & 0253 (Benjamin Builders)

NOI # 304-0132 (Hicks Gravel Road)