

**Templeton Conservation Commission
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 23, 2014
Town Office – Selectmen’s Conference Room – 690 Patriots Road**

Present:

George Andrews, Chairman

Justin Duplessis, Irwin Hendricken, David Symonds

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 Irwin Hendricken seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the December 16, 2013 meeting. 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 also informed Commission members about phone calls he has received over the last month. He said the Building Department was looking for paperwork on the Royalston Road property for Jessica Wheeler. He said he has received nothing from the Wheelers for a Site Walk, so he can not provide any paperwork to the building department until he hears from the Wheelers. He said he would call the department and let them know this.
- George also reported he has had a call and an email from Scott Foley regarding the Certificate of Completion for NOI 304-099 for Baldwin Drive. He said Mr. Foley was looking to add a couple of Title and Document numbers to the COC he received. In researching these numbers, George said there is no indication they have certificates of completion for the lot numbers indicated. The COC the Commission sent him was for the entire project, not the lot numbers, so we cannot add those to the COC. He said he would research this further and call Mr. Foley.

- **Conflict of Interest Summary Acknowledgment Receipts** – All Commissioners signed the acknowledgement forms and gave to Janet Haley to submit to the Town Clerk.

- **Certificate of Receipt of Open Meeting Law Materials** – All Commissioners signed the acknowledgement forms and gave to Janet Haley to submit to the Town Clerk.

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Chairman Report (continued)

- **Forest Cutting Plans** – George reported the Commission has received two Forest Cutting Plans, one from Rebecca Anderson on Queen Lake Road and another from the Stone Land and Trust for Crotty Avenue. He also has heard about cutting being done on Highland Avenue, but the office has not yet received any plan on this lot. Someone has contacted him, however, to say there are wetlands up there to be concerned about.
- **MACC Conference**

David Symonds moved and Justin Duplessis seconded the motion that funds be spent from the Wetlands Protection Fund for any member wanting to attend this spring's conference. All were in favor.

Anyone wanting to attend the conference should get their registrations into Janet Haley by February 2, 2014 so she can register them online for the conference.

- **Extension Request – DEP #304-0280 – Corner Patriots Road (Route 2A) Off Exit 19**

Wesley Flis of Whitman and Bingham explained to Commissioners this NOI will be expiring on 02/05/2014. On behalf of the applicant, he said, he requested it be extended, as the applicant is still working with MEPA on the project.

Justin Duplessis moved and David Symonds seconded the motion to sign the Extension for the Order of Conditions for NOI #304-0280 – P & E Trust/Lowfield-Templeton, LLC until 02/05/2017. All were in favor.

7:15 PM **Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) – tenK Solar (Carroll, Charles & Paulette)**
Project Location: **133 Farnsworth Road, Assessor's Map 2-14, Parcel 21**
Representative: **James E. Rheault, P.L.S., Whitman & Bingham Associates**
Project Description: **Proposed project includes the installation of a solar panel array.**

George Andrews, Chairman, opened the hearing at 7:16 p.m. He introduced Wesley Flis of Whitman and Bingham Associates, who presented the project to the Commissioners.

Mr. Flis explained that there are 25 acres off Farnsworth Road that are being leased from Charles and Paulette Carroll for the project. He expects there will be work within the 100' buffer zone, but very minor in nature and no wetlands should be affected. There will be minimal land disturbance and only 13 acres of the 23 acres that will be used. There is no grading of the property and only a small amount of trees being removed on the North West corner of the property. During construction, there will be haybales and a silt fence to protect any disturbances. Any debris from construction will be removed from the property as

part of the project. The fence along the roadway will be a stockade fence and in the back part of the property a chain link fence. It will be no higher than 8 feet. If it is 8 feet, a permit will be needed; if no higher than 6 feet, than no permit will be necessary.

Jeffrey Schrecke, an abutter to the property, had concerns about drainage on the property. He said there is a small brook in the rear of the property and was concerned about the change in the topography of the land and how that might affect the drainage. He said the culvert that would take in the drainage is only 15 feet and if it becomes clogged, he wanted to know the town would take care of it. He also noted with the removal of trees on the property, it could look like a football field up there and drainage might be more intrusive.

Mr. Flis responded in terms of the trees that he could bring abutters preferences to the applicant about wanting shrubs put up after the removal of the trees. He said the applicant expects to work with the town on issues concerning drainage and cleanup after construction. He said this is just the start of the approval process for the project and there is a long way to go before any shovel hits the ground.

George Andrews, Commission Chairman, noted that if there is a drainage issue, it would be under the Planning Board's jurisdiction not the Conservation Commission. He said when plans are updated in the future on any changes to the drainage or culverts, he could contact Mr. Schrecke and any other abutters interested in reviewing them. He said a condition will be noted in the Commission's Determination.

Justin Duplessis moved and Irwin Hendricken seconded the motion to issue a Negative Determination with a condition to notify Mr. Schrecke when plans are updated. David Symonds abstained from voting, as he is an abutter to the property. The motion carried.

Other

Irwin Hendricken questioned when the Commission might be getting another member. George responded the Commission does have a position as opened listed on the Town's Website but there has been no one interested to date applying for it.

Adjournment

David Symonds moved and Irwin Hendricken seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 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:

Forest Cutting Plans – Rebecca Anderson, Queen Lake Road; Stone land and Trust, Crotty Avenue

Extension Request – DEP #304-0280

RDA – tenK Solar (Carroll, Charles & Paulette), 133 Farnsworth Road