

**Templeton Conservation Commission  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Monday, July 15, 2013  
690 Patriots Road, Templeton, Planning Board Office**

**Present:**

**George Andrews, Chairman**

**David Symonds, Irwin Hendricken, Justin Duplessis**

**Janet Haley, Conservation Commission Department Assistant**

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**Open Public Meeting**

George Andrews, Chairman, opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Election of Conservation Chairman**

**David Symonds moved and Irwin Hendricken seconded the motion to nominate George Andrews as Chairman of the Conservation Commission for FY2014. All were in favor.**

**Ratification of Meeting Minutes**

**Irwin Hendricken moved and David Symonds seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the June 17, 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.

- **Other**

- George informed Commissioners that three site walks needed to be done on the Cook Pond Estates. The three properties were 6 Gary Road, 37 Victoria Lane, and 61 Victoria Lane. The Commissioners agreed to do the walks on Thursday, July 18, 2013 at 6 p.m.

George reported to Commissioners the office has received a copy of an ANR from the Zoning Board of Appeals for 658 Baldwinville Road. There is nothing the Conservation Commission needs to do on the property, but anyone wanting to attend the Planning Board's hearing for a variance on the request can do so on Wednesday, July 17, 2013.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

7:15 PM      **Mass DOT – Highway Division – Notice of Intent #304-0323**  
Project Location: Route 2 Eastbound On-Ramp from Route 2A  
Representative: **Alex Murray – Mass DOT**  
Project Description: **Impaired Waters Remediation Project**

**Chairman George Andrews opened the hearing at 7:13 p.m.**

Adam Shoukimas from MassDOT and Matt Lundsted from Comprehensive Environmental Incorporated gave an overview of the project. Mr. Shoukimas said it was a retrofit project that was to start this year on the On Ramp to Route 2 Eastbound from Route 2A. The designated wetlands have been flagged. There will be removal of a portion of ditch and new drainage will be put in with catch basins. Grading will be done to the open space to allow for infiltration. There is little impact on the wetlands and all work is on State land, so no abutters needed to be contacted. Once the project is completed, it will be properly maintained by the State. The project proposes silt socks for a filter until the project is stabilized. The project should only be a couple of weeks of work.

**David Symonds moved and Irwin Hendricken seconded the motion to accept the NOI as presented, sign the Order of Conditions and to close the hearing. All were in favor.**

The Order of Conditions will be sent out as soon as the paperwork is completed.

7:30 PM      **Jessica Wheeler – Notice of Intent - #304-0324**  
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.**

**Chairman George Andrews opened the hearing at 7:30 p.m.**

Kevin Horgan of GRAZ Engineering gave a summary of the project. Located on Royalston Road, the project is opposite the Otter River State Forest. Drainage of the property, he said, would be following Norcross Brook to the Otter River. The house would be surrounded by wetlands, he said, and it has been flagged. He said the house was tucked as close as it could be to minimize the issues with the wetlands. There would be some grading work done and widening of the road. A silt fence would be wrapped around the whole uplands.

George commented he did not see where a yard could be put on the property without cutting tress. He also said that several of the Commissioners have walked the property and noted the wetlands come across the road and into a pond area.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS (continued)**

7:30 PM      **Jessica Wheeler – Notice of Intent - #304-0324 (continued)**

He said there would definitely need to be some fill brought in. The driveway is about 100' long and the house is being situated where there is the least impact on the wetlands. Commissioners also commented the road would have to be taken up by 2' and fill would need to be brought in for the septic, which does meet Title V. Commissioners also commented the well could be brought closer to the driveway and the driveway pulled in to make less of an impact on the wetlands.

Abutter Robert Mitchell was recognized by the Commissioners and commented he had serious concerns about this project. He said there are two streams on either side of the acres in the area. He said where the house is being placed is a swamp on 200' of hill. He expects any runoff from this land going onto his property. He has also not been told by the owners of the property how much fill would be brought in, which would ultimately affect his property with runoff issues. He also added that anything being done to this property will be affecting the Wetmore Pond down in the back and does not go into Norcross Brooks, as noted. The entire property, in his opinion, he said, is a wetlands and drainage would also be running across the road. He said as an abutter, he wants to know where the water will be flowing once the fill is brought in. His main concern is the water will be running off onto his property and crossing the driveway and road. He said even if he were not an abutter, he would oppose this project because of the filtering water and it going into the pond.

Mr. Horgan responded there would be no cutting within the wetlands and the way the house and property is being designed was the best way to protect the wetlands.

Commissioner Justin Duplessis said he was uncomfortable voting on this NOI this evening, as he has not seen the property. He suggested Commissioners do another site walk before voting on it.

**Irwin Hendricken moved and Justin Duplessis seconded the motion to continue the hearing until the Commissioners' next meeting on August 19, 2013. All were in favor. The Commissioners also agreed to make a second site walk on the property next week, July 23, 2013 at 6 p.m.**

**OTHER**

George informed Commissioners the Board of Selectmen has approved of a request to reduce the Conservation Commission from seven members to five members. He requested Commissioners also vote to approve of this move.

**George Andrews moved and Justin Duplessis seconded the motion to reduce the Commission from seven members to five members. All were in favor.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Irwin Hendricken moved and David Symonds seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 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 #304-0323 – MassDOT**

**NOI #304-0324 – Jessica Wheeler**