

Town of Weston
Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting
April 25, 2024 7:30 p.m.

Conducted remotely via Internet and Telephone

MINUTES

Chairwoman Sarah Schlechter called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Present were Mary Francios, Abigail Squance and Kirby Brendsel. Also present were Dr. Tom Failla, Conservation Planner and Felippo Scandizzo, Recording Secretary.

Receipt of Applications

29 Briar Oak, ADU, drainage, septic, Gutkowski [CC-24-07-COM]

119 Weston, addition and drainage, Mellen [CC-24-08-COM]

33 Cannondale, new site development plan Wallis [CC-24-09-COM]

40 Wildwood, Replace crushed driveway pipe in stream, Goldstein [CC-24-10-COM]

Chairwoman Schlechter acknowledged the applications received as of April 25, 2024.

Discussion/Decisions

60 Georgetown Road, filling and grading, Germak [CC-24-02-COM]

Aleksandra Moch, Wetland and Soil Scientist, presented site plans, proposed restoration planting plan, and addressed previous concerns from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Brendsel made a MOTION to APPROVE the plan for 60 Georgetown Road, with condition that the work be completed prior to the property being sold and for the work to be completed by the end of September 2024. Commissioner Squance SECONDED; the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

26 Norfield, ADU site development, Adegi Boto [CC-24-05-COM]

Dean Martin from Grumman Engineering LLC, presented site plans and answered questions from the Commissioners. The plan is to construct an accessory dwelling with septic system and drainage. Commissioner Squance went over the site walk notes with the commission and applicant. Commissioner Squance shared concerns about the fill being too close to the wetlands, evidence of tracks going through the wetlands leading to the building and the site being messy. Chairwoman Schlechter asked Mr. Martin to show the stockpile on the plan and to move the stockpile away from the wetlands.

44 Kellogg Hill, playset, grading, landscaping, Covino-Delory [CC-24-06- COM]

Craig Kopfmann from Green Acres Landscape & Design, LLC, presented the site plan and answered questions from the Commissioners. The proposed activity includes tree removal, erosion control measures, removal of discarded previously excavated stumps, removal of dead fall & brush, installation of playset, renovation of existing lawn & expansion of lawn, planting and removal of invasive species. Commissioner Squance shared concerns with the playset being

against the wetland marker line and asked Mr. Kopfmann to consider moving the playset to a different location away from the wetlands. Mr. Kopfmann stated that he would consider the options. Commissioner Francios shared concerns about removing the stumps and possibly changing the water flow and destabilizing the slope. Commissioner Francios stated that grinding the stumps might be less impactful and shared concerns with the amount of fill going in. Chairwoman Schlechter requested clear detailed plans and directions to prevent any damage by machinery in the wetlands and an updated plan to show double silt fence with hay bale in between.

Other Business:

Invasive Removal and Native Shrub Plantings School Road [CC-20-20-COM]

Dr. Failla shared the CC Permit 20-20 Town of Weston Sidewalk project issued in Jan. 2021. Dr. Failla stated no action is needed because the Commission and Town staff will coordinate and supervise the work under the permit with the same contractor that cleared the area, built the sidewalks and reseeded the area.

Approval of Minutes:

March 21, 2024; Walk Notes April 6, 2024

Chairwoman Schlechter made a MOTION to APPROVE the Regular Meeting minutes for March 21, 2024, Commissioner Francios SECONDED; Commissioner Brendsel ABSTAINED. The MOTION CARRIED 3/0/1.

Commissioner Francios made a MOTION to APPROVE Walk Notes from April 6, 2024. Commissioner Squance SECONDED; Chairwoman Schlechter and Commissioner Brendsel ABSTAINED. The MOTION CARRIED 2/0/2.

9:10PM Chairwoman Schlechter made a MOTION to ADJOURN the meeting. Commissioner Brendsel SECONDED; The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted,

Felippo Scandizzo

Recording Secretary