

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Ed Schwarz, Vice-Chairman Catherine Minter, Robert Turner, Michiel Zegers, James Smith, Ted von Rosenvinge and Sarah Schlechter

Mr. Schwarz opened the February 18th meeting of the Weston Conservation Commission at 7:30 p.m.

SET WALK DATE

The walk date was set for Saturday, March 5, 2016. The Commissioners will meet at Town Hall at 8:00 a.m.

RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS

- Rogers, 229 Goodhill Road, new house
- Celebration of Life Park, 12 Old Mill Road, Friedman

MOTION FOR RECEIPT

Mr. Schwarz made a motion to receive the applications for Rogers, 229 Goodhill Road and Celebration of Life Park, 12 Old Mill Road and Mr. Zegers seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (7-0).

DISCUSSION/DECISION: DETERMINATION OF EXEMPTION FOR A FARM POND, CHESTNUT FARM, 227 LYONS PLAIN ROAD (VIVIAN SIMONS)

Bob Walpuck and Vivian Simons came forward and presented the plans. They explained that with the dry summer last year they had to do extensive watering of the fields to keep the plants alive. They stated that there used to be a pond in another location on the property. Mr. Schwarz stated that he wants the Commission to do site walk and want to know that it is essential to the operation of the farm. He questioned what affect a pond would have on the wetlands up above the area. Mr. von Rosenvinge questioned if there was another location that could be utilized. Mr. Walpuck explained that they did test holes in an extreme dry time and got water at 8 feet down. Ms. Simons stated that they have a farm and in order to keep the farm running they need to make money and they can't make money if the plants die from lack of water. Ms. Schlechter stated that they would need to know what the rate would be and how much water it would draw. Mr. Schwarz stated that they will walk the property on March 5th.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. von Rosenvinge made a motion to approve the Minutes from the January 21, 2016 meeting and Ms. Minter seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (7-0).

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Schwarz made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. von Rosenvinge seconded. All in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Delana Lustberg
Recording Secretary