

In Attendance:

Stacy Parsons, Chairing

Jack Hickey

Joe Trybus

Rich Weisenflue

Dean Maynard (7:30pm)

Lee Hauge, Harbormaster, observing.

7 pm

Request for Certificate of Compliance

1653 North Main Street, "Donut Man" Santos Realty Trust

- Reviewed application, including potential dock placement. S. Parsons conducted site visit on 1/3/15.
- Reviewed Continuing Conditions in the Order of Conditions.
- Unanimous approval of Complete Certification with Continuing Conditions.

Continued informational meeting with Lee Hauge, Harbormaster

- Continued discussion of the types of review completed under Ch. 90 (Wetlands Protection Act) versus the review and licensing of docks completed under Ch.91 (Waterways). L. Hauge believed that new Ch. 91 regulations put more of permitting responsibility for dock on the Commission. No information received by the Commission to date regarding any changes to review of dock permits under Ch. 90. S. Parsons will contact M. Stinson to confirm.
- No joint meeting scheduled with Pittsfield Conservation to discuss dock regulations. Meeting with Mark Stinson, DEP Circuit Rider, on 1/15 is a public meeting to discuss the updates to the Wetlands Protection Act regulations.
- Discussed informational presentation by Ken Wagner on Lake Management for February. The intent of the presentation is to provide technical assistance to the Commission at a cost of \$200 paid from the Wetland Fee Account. The public will be encouraged to attend. Tentative agenda would include an explanation and definition of lake management, typical lake management practices, and an opportunity for questions from the public and Commission. S. Parsons will work on scheduling with Ken Wagner.
- Discussed sampling sites. Last sampling done in October. Concern about sample readings at or above 20 ppm. Discussed possible additions to the sampling schedule to evaluate concerns.
- Discussed status of lake refill. The Fire Department is hosting a fishing derby on 1/24 and refill of the lake could destabilize the shoreline. L. Hauge took the information under advisement as he monitored lake refill.

Other Business:

- Reviewed budget statements. Discussed and approved budget request for FY16.
- Update on Kinder Morgan pipeline based on information from the Town Administrator and MACC. Lee Hauge, representing the Water Department, shared that the Department is seeking to be involved. No information, plans, or permit application has been submitted to the Commission. Informational discussion only. No action taken by the Commission.
- Received copy of second extension for Gulf Road cutting plan issued to Crane and Company.
- Received notice of 2015 Yearly Operational Plan from WMECO. The link is posted on the Conservation webpage for the public to review.
- Received copy of Notice of Intent to Abutters under MA Forest Cutting Practice Act for Ore Bed Road, Plaza property.
- Received and reviewed a copy of Forest Cutting Plan for Old Ore Bed Road, Plaza property.
- Received and reviewed a copy of Forest Cutting Plan for Old Williamstown Road, Ziontz property.
- Received hard copy of updated Wetlands Protection Act Regulations and forms for the office. Discussed 1/15 presentation by M. Stinson regarding the updates to the Wetlands Protection Act. Meeting is at 6:30 at the Pittsfield City Hall.
- General discussion of retaining walls. Concern about walls potentially being undermined or collapsing due to the storm events. Reviewed construction standards for retaining walls build on a Great Pond.
- General discussion of logging regulations specific to stream crossings. Most plans call for crossings when the stream is dry or frozen and full restoration to original conditions once the project is complete. Reviewed WPA 10.04(16) about crossings.
- Shared Open Meeting Law documents and email from Town Secretary regarding Open Meeting Law training requirements dated 12/4/14. The Commission completed and submitted online training certificates last year that would still be valid. Members will follow up with the Town Clerk individually.

Adjourned  
8:30 pm