

Conservation Commission

February 5, 2024

Town Hall In Person Meeting

Present: Chris Duerring, Chair; Mary Williamson, Secretary; Jim Abels,  
Bob Paquet. (Absent: Kai Woodson, Greg Brodski)  
Nancy Putnam

Meeting Called to Order at 6:38 pm

Reviewed The Agenda.

Minutes of the January 10, 2024 Meeting

On motion by Chris, seconded by Bob, the minutes were accepted  
unanimously as revised.

Kelly Solar Shed Site Visit - 647 Northfield Rd.

Site visit: 1/29/24 with Ken Kelly and Com Cm members  
Bob Paquet, Greg Brodski, Mary Williamson

The Kelly's need to build a shed on which they can place  
their Solar system because the roof is ~~not~~ of the house is not suitable  
for it. Chris will send him an email to tell the Kelly's that  
they need to amend the NOI in order to build the shed; and it  
needs to include a plan at the scale of 1"=50'. They need to  
write a letter to the Com Cm and DEP requesting the Amendment,  
and referencing the File Number of their original NOI.

March MACC Conference - Saturday, March 2, 2024

Is back in person (and also partially hybrid).

Chris brought a printout of the offerings to hand out. It will cost  
\$150 per person. The Chair asked who would like to attend. It is a lay day.  
[4 virtual workshops are available, including invasive species  
management, which Nancy said she can give a presentation on in Warwick.]

Wetland Protection Regulation Revisions - most will not affect Warwick.

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There will be increased emphasis on drainage calculations because there is a problem in Massachusetts with increasingly degraded streams. (Nancy sent in comments on Friday, February 2, 2024.) They are also making significant revisions to storm water regulations.

Con Com Budget Statements

Nancy suggested that the Con Com get regular statements showing deposits to the Wetland Protection Account or NOT application fees. Bob will check with the Town Accountant to request this.

Ethics and Conflicts of Interest Training

Chris mentioned to The Con Com John Paganetti, Town Clerk's, request to all department heads that they take the <sup>make sure that all members of the committee</sup> State's Ethics and Conflict of Interest training by June 30, 2024.

Emergency Certification for Tree Removal on Gulf Road

Chris attended the Selectman meeting via Zoom where this subject was discussed to alert the Selectboard that there are time constraints associated with Emergency Certifications. The Select Board approved the contract to hire Mike Mauri to mark the trees for cutting, which he planned to do last week (Wednesday).

We need to coordinate with DCR when they cut on their side of the road, as the road will need to be closed during the cutting.

Next Meeting: March 4, 2024 at 6:30pm

Adjournment: On motion by Nancy, Seconded by Chris, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maya Williamson  
Secretary