

Bristol Conservation Commission
February 3, 2021
Meeting Minutes

APPROVED: 4/7/21

AGENDA: NLRA AMERICORPS CONSERVATION TASKS
SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION, MAP/LOT #203-132
ANNUAL FOREST SOCIETY MONITORING
SHORELAND PERMIT APPLICATION, MAP/LOT #203-067-001

ATTENDING: Carroll Brown, Jr. (Chair), Richard Batchelder, Janet Cote (Vice-Chair), Bonnie MacGillivray-Blout, Karen Bemis

OTHERS PRESENT: Christina Goodwin, Land Use Manager

Mr. Brown stated that the Governor's Emergency Orders allow for meetings to be held both in-person and electronically due to the pandemic. Members of the Commission and public are attending in-person, via video or via telephone conference. The meeting opened at 7:05 pm by roll call vote 4-0 with a quorum.

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2020:

Ms. MacGillivray-Blout made a motion, seconded by Mr. Batchelder, to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed by roll call vote 4-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Andrew Veilleux – Newfound Lake Region Association (NLRA) AmeriCorps Conservation Tasks

Mr. Veilleux discussed the working relationship between the Conservation Commission and the Town. He stated that NLRA will be providing volunteers this year with training in CPR/First Aid for projects, including trail maintenance, etc. The Commission discussed options and made recommendations for the NLRA to consider.

Special Use Permit Application – Map/Lot #203–132, Murphy, 111 Castle Lane

Ms. Goodwin stated the owner had filled out the Conditional Use Permit Application, in error, but it contains the same information as the Special Use Permit application. Mr. Brown discussed the statements made regarding the wetland buffers from Gove Environmental Services, Inc. Discussion continued, stating that there are wetlands on both sides of the lot. Mrs. Cote's concern is that building is too close to the wetlands and she is concerned that any construction can pollute the drinking water along with other problematic scenarios. The leach field is the only viable building space. Also, the red lines are 15 ft wetland setbacks. The home and leach fields are within the Wetland Conservation Overlay District and its setbacks, as designated by the Town's wetlands mapping and as described in the Zoning Ordinance, Article IX. The Conservation Commission reviewed the project based upon the Ordinance, and therefore, is not able to recommend the Planning Board approve this proposed project and application. Motion made by Mrs. Cote, seconded by Mr. Batchelder. Motion passed by roll call vote 4-0-1.

Shoreland Permit Application – Map/Lot #203-067-001, Aguirre, 481 West Shore Road

Ms. Goodwin stated the owners own two lots surrounding the Fowler system, and a storage container in the setbacks.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Catterall Easement Monitoring - Mr. Brown and Mr. Batchelder will be going Sunday to complete monitoring.

COMISSION MEMBER ITEMS:

Mr. Batchelder stated that there is 140 acres of land off North Main Street attached to Sugar Hill and inquired if the Conservation Commission would be interested in purchasing the forest area. The property is up for sale. Mrs. Cote will do some inquiring for possible parties that might be interested with the Conservation Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Ms. Goodwin stated she turned in the Conservation Commission Town Report submission.

Regarding the By-laws, the Town has eliminated the Conflict-of-Interest Policies for committees, so there are no samples to provide for the Conservation Commission to consider. The current Conflict of Interest Policy applies to employees.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 2, 2021 at 7:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Batchelder made a motion to adjourn at 9pm, seconded by Mr. Brown, the motion carried by roll call vote 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Wharton
Minute Admin