



Town of Sterling

Conservation Commission

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All members in attendance with the exception of Mr. Emsley and Vice Chair Pineo

MINUTES

STERLING CONSERVATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING-Dec 8, 2020

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Matt Marro is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Sterling Conservation Commission Zoom Meeting
Time: Dec 8, 2020 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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1. Meeting Notices and communications.
2. Minutes from the previous meeting
3. Old business- Follow-up Items from Warrant articles / Grant applications (If any)
4. New Business-
 - 4.1 Chapter 61 release request 13 Roper road was released by a motion of Mr. Michalak and a second by Mr. Pavlowich with a unanimous vote to approve.
 - 4.2 Land Donation Consideration 30 Wilder Rd 1.04 Acres Mr Marro noted that DCR has expressed interest in the land
5. Enforcement/Investigation- CONTINUED: Enforcement Conference Jeff Bastress Alton Stone representing Greg Bilowz and Greg Bilowz was present. Initial soils survey done by Mr. Marro and Ms. Dipinto were reviewed. Original septic plans were reviewed. Mr. Michalak and Mr. Pavlowich expressed concerns that there may have been alteration to the original drainage system set up on the Bilowz property causing the issued relative to flooding. Mr Pavlowich will set up an onsite inspection to review the site with Mr Stone. Mr Marro will obtain supplemental information with respect to the soils survey from MS Dipinto. The matter was Continued to the January 19,2021 meeting

5.1 Prior enforcement action items and wrap ups

6. Certificates of Compliance

7 Agents Report

7.1 Storm water updates- none this month

7.2 Forest Stewardship grant and Forest cutting update review of Bids: Mr. Marro reported that cutting should start in January relative to weather conditions.

7.3 Treasury Report- update - Mr. .Marro reviewed the balances in the accounts

7.4 Town Beach Project Scopes Update (Whitman and Bingham Associates) Mr. Marro noted that he is expecting drafts of a design to review around Christmas time.

8. Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 POM with a motion by Mr. Michalak and a second by Mr. Pavlowich with a unanimous vote to approve the motion

Public hearings

7:30 P.M. : In accordance with MGL ch 131 s 40 as amended, there will be a public meeting of a requires for a determination by Marlon Covey of 15 Newall **Hill** Road for the upgrade of a septic system.

Chris Mackenzie appeared before the commission. He was unable to present due to an issue with his internet connection, However, upon review , the commission issued a negative determination by a motion of Mr. Michalak and a second by Mr Pavlowich with a unanimous roll call vote approving the motion

