



Town of Sterling Conservation Commission

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Present: Chair Roberti, Mr. Michalak, Ms. Valentine, Ms. Smith, Mr. Pavlowich, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Emsley

MINUTES May 5, 2020 at 7:30 PM

STERLING CONSERVATION COMMISSION

In response to the COVID-19 (Corona Virus) is currently following the guidance from the Sterling Board of Health, Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the CDC regarding the virus and steps communities can take to prevent the spread and all town facilities are currently closed to the public. In accordance with the Governor's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G. L. c. 30A, § 20, all public meetings are being conducted remotely.

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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 Follow up on Tree City Designation (if any)
 - 4.2 Open Space discussion items
 - 4.3 Prior enforcement action items and wrap ups–Investigation into tree cutting at Stephanie Anne Lane
5. Certificates of Compliance/Extension permits
- 7 Agents Report
 - 7.1 Storm water updates
 - 7.2 Forest Stewardship grant and Forest cutting update (plans)
 - 7.3 Treasury Report – update
 - 7.4 Town Beach Project Scopes Update (Funding)
8. Adjourn – the meeting adjourned at 830 PM by a motion of Ms. Smith and a second by Mr. Michalak with a unanimous roll call vote approving the motion.

Public hearing
7:30 PM ::

7:30 PM In accordance with MGL ch 131 s 40 as amended, there will be a public meeting on a request for a determination made by SCX for vegetation management within various rights of way within the town of Sterling. The Public meeting will be convened on May 5 2020 as a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Mr. Marro outlined the right of way management plan for the commission. It was the plan required to be filed every 5 years. Mr. Michalak moved to issue a negative determination. Ms. Smith seconded and the commission voted unanimously by roll call vote to approve the motion.

7:40 PM: In accordance with MGL Ch. 131 s 40 as amended, there will be a public hearing concerning a Notice of Intent for the construction of a single family home at 5 Stephanie Ann Lane by Sterling Country Side Builders. The Public meeting will be convened on May 5 2020 as a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Paul from GRAZ engineering reviewed the proposed single family home. It was a refile of an expired permit that Mr. Marr had issued a stop work order to as it had commenced construction with the expired Order. After a review, Mr. Michalak motioned for a standard order of conditions, based on the original plan, Mr. Pavlowich seconded and the commission unanimously approved the motion by roll call vote.