



Town of Sterling Conservation Commission

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STERLING CONSERVATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING-February 16 , 2021

EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7 PM

Public session at 7:30 PM

In attendance- Vice Chari Roberti, Mr Pineo. Ms. Valentine, Mr. Michalak, Mr Pavlowich, Ms. Smith

1. Meeting Notices and communications.
2. Minutes from the previous meeting
3. Old business- Follow-up Items from Warrant articles / Grant applications (If any)
 - 3.1 ELW treatment contract and potential town meeting warrant article relating to this agreement.- Update MM reviewed the article with the commission that was submitted.
4. New Business-
 - 4.1 Chapter 61 release request (If any)
5. Enforcement/Investigation- CONTINUED: Enforcement Conference Jeff Bastress No action
 - 5.1 Prior enforcement action items and wrap ups
6. Certificates of Compliance-

7 Agents Report

- 7.1 Storm water updates- town drainage system in town center - update
- 7.2 Forest Stewardship activities - update
- 7.3 Treasury Report – update
- 7.4 Town Beach Project Scopes Update (Whitman and Bingham Associates) Conceptual plan review

8. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 840 PM by a motion of Mr Michalak and a second by MR Pineo with a unanimous vote to approve.

7: 00 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

**The Conservation Commission will
convene an executive session for the
following:**

To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declare.

The commission will reconvene to public session after the conclusion of the executive session.

The executive session was called by Chari Roberti. Mr. Marro was invited. The commission convened at 7 PM by a motion by Mr. Michalak and a second by MS Valentine and a unanimous roll call vote approving the motion. The Commission went back into public session at 7 :30 PM

Public hearings

7:30 P.M. : Pursuant to MGL ch 131 s 40 as amended, the Sterling Conservation Commission will have a CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING on a Notice of Intent by ALMIK Construction for the Construction of 8 Duplex units at 81 Chace Hill Road Work is within the buffer zone.

MM recounted the site walk with Robert Traux, who was representing the applicant. MM also noted that his review of the narrative concerning the cold water fishery and found no issues with it. Mr Michalak recounted the site walk with Ms Hastings, PWS, who agreed to move and expand the replication area. MM noted the updated replication as accurately reflected on the plans.

Mr. Michalak moved to issue an Order of Conditions. Ms Valentine seconded and the commission approved the motion by unanimous roll call vote

7:40 PM : Pursuant to MGL ch 131 s 40 as amended, the Sterling Conservation Commission will have public meeting on a request for a determination by Lauren Gorfinkle for vegetation management at 1 North Cove Road.

Lauren Gorfinkle was present. She outlined the grading of her property with the intention of commencing agriculture on the property. A planting

plan was reviewed by the Commission. MM had no issues with the plan and recommended a negative determination. Ms Valentine reviewed the planting strategy with the applicant. A motion was made by Ms Valentine to issue a negative determination. Mr. Michalak seconded and the commission voted unanimously to approve

7:50 PM (to be continued) Pursuant to MGL ch 131 s 40 as amended, the Sterling Conservation Commission will have public meeting on a Notice of Intent by Eric Johansen for the Construction of a single family home at 196B and 198 Newell Hill Road. Work is within the buffer zone

This item was withdrawn by request of the applicants family.