



Town of Sterling Conservation Commission

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MINUTES STERLING CONSERVATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING-February 2, 2021

In attendance, Chair Roberti, Vice Chair Pineo, Mr. Michalak, Mr Pavlowich, MS. Valentine, 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)
4. New Business-
 - 4.1 Chapter 61 release request
 - 4.2 ELW treatment contract and potential town meeting warrant article relating to this agreement. MM reviewed the contract with the Commission. He noted that there should be a request to the town for the annual funds for treatment at 18,000 dollars. MS Valentine moved to have MM author the annual article for inclusion in town meeting. Mr. Michalak seconded and the commission approve the motion by roll call vote.
 - 4.3 Potential town compost pile – MM noted that he walked with Paul Lyons of DPW and Blaine Bershard of the DPW board concerning a potential yard waste composting site. MM noted that there seemed to be minimal wetland issues on the property and it appeared to be suitable per the state site criteria. He noted that if DPW intends to proceed with the site, they will have multiple layers of permitting with the state they will have to go through as well as coming to conservation for any proposed work within the buffer zone and riverfront, if applicable. The chair asked MM if there was any item under regulation that the commission needed to attend to at the moment. MM noted no and that it may be quite a while, before the commission needs to get further involved. He also noted that due to the pandemic conditions, state permit process is extremely slow, so it is unlikely the commission would get involved in the process under wetland regulations any time soon however. MM noted that there is no further action required unless the town decides to move forward and he would update the commission as information was made available to him.
5. Enforcement/Investigation- CONTINUED: Enforcement Conference Jeff Bastress This matter was continued
 - 5.1 Prior enforcement action items and wrap ups
6. Certificates of Compliance-

7 Agents Report

- 7.1 Storm water updates
- 7.2 Forest Stewardship activities
- 7.3 Treasury Report – update
- 7.4 Town Beach Project Scopes Update (Whitman and Bingham Associates)

8. Adjourn the meeting adjourned at 825 PM with a motion by MR Michalak and a second by Mr Pineo and a unanimous vote to approve the motion.

Public hearings

7:30 P.M. : Pursuant to MGL ch 131 s 40 as amended, the Sterling Conservation Commission will have public meeting 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.

The meeting was continued to February 16, 2021 at 7 :30 PM by a motion of MR Michalak a second by Ms. Valentine and a roll call vote to approve the motion.

7:40 (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 Erik Johansen for the Construction of a single family home at 196B and 198 Newall Hill Road. Work is within the buffer zone