

Shutesbury Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes  
October 16, 2020 Virtual Meeting Platform

Conservation Commissioners present: Penny Jaques/Chair, Robin Harrington, Miriam DeFant, and Liam Cregan

Conservation Commissioner absent: Russ Mizula

Staff present: Tessa Dowling/ Land Use Clerk

Guests: Anna Mancebo

Jaques calls the meeting to order at 9:01pm

Statement relative to conducting virtual meetings following the Governor's restrictions on public meetings is read into the record by Dowling.

105 Sand Hills Rd Certificate of Compliance

Per Jaques, all nine pins delineating the wetlands have been found by the applicant using a metal detector and the Commission has seen proof that the Deed Restriction defined in the Order of Conditions was registered with Franklin Country Registry of Deeds. A motion was made by Jaques at 9:10am to issue a Certificate of Compliance for 105 Sand Hills Rd and was seconded by Cregan. Roll call vote: Cregan: aye, Harrington: aye, Defant: aye, and Jaques: aye. The Certificate was marked Complete with Ongoing Conditions. The Ongoing Conditions referred to Condition 1d, which was the Deed Restriction on the property designating some wetland areas on the property no build areas, and a condition requiring the applicant to place new pins at least 8 inches above the ground next to the old pins and painting them with high visibility paint.

26 Lake Drive Order of Conditions

DeFant recused herself from this part of the meeting as she was not a Commission member during the initial hearing on the project. Per Jaques, focus on protecting the remaining buffer zone. The more detailed and specific conditions are the fewer problems in the long run. Jaques proposed adding background statement give context to the conditions. Cregan has drafted a list of six conditions. To Cregan's drafted conditions Jaques added conditions regarding installing an infiltration trench to address run-off, a condition requiring the parking area to be permeable, and a condition about creating a five foot vegetated buffer along the lake shoreline. Cregan will add these conditions to the Commission's general list of conditions. DeFant asked if using the phrase "natural vegetation" was appropriate. Jaques did not think the condition was too restrictive because a good portion of the area is already vegetated and the background statement gives options of what the plant species could be. A motion was made by Harrington at 9:21am to issue the Order of Conditions with a total of nine special conditions and was seconded by Cregan. Roll call vote: Cregan: aye, Harrington: aye, and Jaques: aye.

Jaques has spoken to Russ Mizula and he plans to attend the next meeting.

Sawmill River Culvert Replacement Conditions for OOC

Jaques will draft special conditions for the culvert replacement project ahead of the next meeting.

Next meeting date: 10.22.20.

At 9:28am, Jaques moves and DeFant seconds a motion to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Cregan: aye, Harrington: aye, DeFant: aye, and Jaques: aye; the motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tessa Dowling  
Land Use Clerk