

Town of Hinsdale
Joint Meeting Peru & Hinsdale Conservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting

October 8, 2019

Present: Chair Conry, Horton, Koch, Agent Mitchell

1. Meeting called to Order at 6PM
2. File #181-0077, & File #260-0014, continued public hearing from 8-13-19 for Request for Amendment for Ashmere Lake Herbicide Treatment. Applicant is the Town of Hinsdale.

There is no representative from Solitude present at the meeting. Frederick motions to continue hearing until 10-8-19, Tremblay seconds, Vote is unanimous.

Horton motions to continue hearing until 11-12-19, Koch seconds, Vote is unanimous.

3. Public Input for items not listed on the Agenda. None
4. Minutes of Meeting 9-16-19; Koch motions to approve, Horton seconds, vote is unanimous.
5. File #181-0263, Notice of Intent for 291 South Shore Road (Map 105, Lot 33) Applicant is Craig & Dorothy Walton.

The proposed project is the replacement of an existing retaining wall within 5 feet of the shoreline of the Plunkett Lake. The existing retaining wall is 4' high with 6" X 6" pressure treated wood. Conservation Commission members discuss options for replacing the retaining wall. Applicant agrees to use natural stone as a replacement. The wall will be 4' high with a gradual setback of 2' (45 degree angle). Applicant will install a natural burlap covering after excavation of retaining wall prior to backfilling behind wall. No excavated material to remain on site. Install erosion & sedimentation controls & contact Conservation Commission to inspect for approval prior to start of work. No work is allowed until completion of drawdown.

Horton motions to issue Order of Conditions with special conditions as outlined, Koch seconds, vote is unanimous.

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6. Notice of Intent for 110 Watson Road (Map 405, Lot 41) for lowering of the dam. Applicant is Kimberly Wendling. (Continued from 8-13-19)

Kristen Connell of Fuss & O'Neill is representing the applicant. Ms. Connell provided a description of the proposed project, which is filed as an Ecological Restoration Limited Project. The project will be a gradual and incremental lowering of the water level of the dam to prevent any downstream flooding. Agent Mitchell provided a review with the following special conditions: Applicant shall notify Commission 2 weeks prior to start of work to arrange site visit to inspect erosion & sedimentation controls; The proposed project shall comply with all of the following sections of the WPA Restoration Project, 310 CMR 10.11, 310 CMR 10.12, 310 CMR 10.13, 310 CMR 10.14, and 310 CMR 10.53(4); Applicant shall comply with any part of these sections of the regulations that apply or are required; If a state permit such as Chapter 253 permit is required, then the work may be subject to MEPA regulations per 301 CMR 11.03(3)(a)4., a reduction in impoundment capacity. The applicant shall comply with all plans and information submitted with the Notice of Intent application; after completion of work, notify Commission to arrange site visit to inspect prior to removal of erosion & sedimentation controls.

Koch motions to issue Order of Conditions with special conditions, Horton seconds, vote is unanimous.

7. File #181-0185, Request for Extension for Drawdown of Ashmere Lake. Applicant is Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation.

Koch motions to issue a 3 year Extension of the Order of Conditions with all special conditions remaining valid and in effect, Horton seconds, vote is unanimous.

Old Business

8. Enforcement Order 134 & 80 Maple Street; Continued discussion of the Invitation to Bid for a wetland delineation of the site etc.; Members decide to recommend acceptance of bid with estimate of the cost of permanent markers included in the bid.
9. Correspondence; None
10. Adjournment; Koch motions to adjourn, Horton seconds, vote is unanimous.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:20PM

Sincerely submitted

Caleb Mitchell

Conservation Agent