

Montague Conservation Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 12, 2018

Upstairs Meeting Room, Town Hall, One Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA

Commissioners Present: Mark Fairbrother - Chair, Donna Francis, Sean Werle and Alex Peterkin

Commissioners Absent: Justin Fermann, Addie Rose Holland

Staff: Walter Ramsey – Agent

Also Present: Laurie Reid, resident

Mark Fairbrother called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Approval of March 8, 2018 Minutes: *Tabled until May 10, 2018*

Conservation Agent Updates:

Forest Cutting – FC#2018-01 filed by Karl Garbiel for Map 39 Lot 035 on Old Greenfield Road- The forest cutting is at the corner of Ferry Road and Old Greenfield Road and will not be impacting any streams in that area. The forest cutting has been approved by DCR. No comments offered from Commission.

Correspondence from Franklin Regional Transit Authority- FRTA are looking to build a bus garage on a 5 acre parcel located on Sandy Lane (behind Judd Wire parking lot) to accommodate 30 buses/vehicles. The proposed project area will consist mostly of impervious surfaces. The FRTA is having difficulty meeting all the stormwater requirements. The design of the stormwater system at this point can manage a 2 year, 10 year and 25 year storm but can't support a 100 year storm on the property. FRTA is anticipating a request to use an adjacent parcel that is considered isolated land subject to flooding for the overflow (100 year storm) and for discharge. Walter shared with the Commission the map of their plans at this site and they will come back in the future with some more details regarding the stormwater system. MA stormwater standards will apply but at this point the project is not jurisdictional to the Conservation Commission. No comments from commission. This was informational. The Commission will review the stormwater plans when the applicant is ready to file with the Planning Board.

Associate Member-Mark Fairbrother suggests that Walter go to the Board of Selectmen and see what would be needed to have Laurie Reid appointed as an Associate Member.

Motion made by Sean Werle to request that Walter put on the Board of Selectmen's agenda to appoint Laurie Reid as Associate Member of the Conservation Commission. Seconded by Mark Fairbrother. **Motion passed unanimously.**

414 Old Greenfield Road updates- Conservation Agent reported sending a follow up letter to Ron Rodden with a recommendation of a 1:1 planting of new saplings in the location of the recent cuttings in order to help absorb groundwater and stabilize the soils on the property. (See previous meeting) A copy of the letter was placed in the file for NOI 2007-04.

Motion made by Donna Francis to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM. Seconded Sean Werle. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Approved by: _____ Date: _____