

Town of Newbury
Conservation Commission Special Meeting
Via Zoom
November 10, 2020

Present: Daniel Streeter, Brian Colleran, Keven Stromski, Ben Gahagan, Bill Holt
Excused: William Lord and Peter Paicos

Meeting Minutes:

July 21, 2020 – Mr. Gahagan made the first motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Stromski made the second. All in favor.

August 4, 2020 – Mr. Stromski made the first motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Streeter made the second. All in favor.

August 18, 2020 – Mr. Stromski made the first motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Streeter made the second. All in favor.

Town of Newbury (14th Street) DEP #050-13## - a continued NOI to improve the right of way and construct an emergency access driveway. Tom Hughes of Hughes Environmental told the Commission that Town Counsel has asked for a continuance until the December 1, 2020 meeting. We are still preparing the updated information at this time. The Commission has requested a peer review for the engineering for the road.

Agent Holt had emailed the Board earlier in the week with two choices for peer review. Phil Christenson or Joe Serwatka. They represent standard engineering practices and both would be good choices. When asked, Mr. Hughes said they were both good choices, but he would like to go with Phil Christenson. James Stewart of 22 Old Point Road spoke up asking why would we rely on Mr. Hughes's preference? Chairman Colleran spoke to Mr. Stewart's question stating that from the position Agent Holt has taken we believe no one would offer an inferior review. Mr. Stewart was leaving the decision up to Mary Rimmer, the abutters representative from Rimmer Environmental. Mary said she has worked with both and they are both equally qualified.

Ms. Rimmer added that she is stepping down from this project following this meeting. Her replacement will be Stan Humphries who is a Coastal Geologist.

Mr. Streeter made the first motion to select Phil Christenson for the peer review, Mr. Stromski made the second motion. All in favor.

Certificates of Compliance:

Bain and Eunice Campbell (14-18 Independence Way) DEP #050-333 and 050-494; to close out two OOC's for construction of a new home dating back to August 7, 1990 and August 18, 1998. Mr. Streeter made the first motion to move to issue the Certificates of Compliance, Mr. Gahagan made the second motion. All in favor.

Mr. Paicos (who joined the meeting late) made the first motion to close the meeting, Mr. Stromski made the second motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned 7:31 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Gretchen E. Girard