

Pheasant Road and Kattail Road: River View Estates, continued NOI, 190-06xx

The applicant has not yet submitted new plans showing house lots, has not finalized the storm water management design and has not paid the consultant fee. Additionally, the applicant had forgotten to submit the plans to DEP, so DEP comments and file number have been delayed. Paul Byrne moved to continue the hearing to November 21, 2019 at 7:00, second by Jason Weksner, vote 6-0-0.

Administrative Business

Minutes: Paul Byrne moved to approve the minutes from October 17, 2019. Second by Brandon Parker, vote 6-0-0

Update – Violation: Beach at the end of Lakeside Ave

Town Counsel determined that the Town does not own the paper street or beach area, and that the right to use this this land can only be determined by an exhaustive title search by abutters. The Town does not find it appropriate to become involved in disputes between private parties over land use; however, the Conservation Commission has jurisdiction over wetland use and is fully empowered to pursue enforcement. With regards to the unpermitted dock, DEP said because it is so old it is not a violation of the Wetlands Protection Act and that it is a Chapter 91 issue which would need to be pursued with the state. The Commission agreed to not pursue the dock issue further.

Discussion – Lake Boon Facilities

Brandon Parker expressed concern about the lack of restroom facilities for boaters on Lake Boon. Without facilities for day-boaters to use, they are likely to relieve themselves in the water, contributing to the nutrient problem that results in dangerous algae blooms as well as the growth of invasive plants. The Commission decided that boaters would be unlikely to make their way to rest areas on the lake, and that old septic systems, lawn fertilizer, and dumping of yard waste in the water are much larger issues.

Brandon Parker had also requested Pam Helinek to write an informational letter explaining to residents with waterfront properties (Assabet River, Lake Boon, Fort Meadow Reservoir) the problems created by fertilizer and yard waste. Pam Helinek has drafted a letter but said that mailing letters to all waterfront residences was a large and expensive undertaking. The Commission discussed instead posting educational messages on appropriate facebook pages, such as Health Department, Recreation Department, and Green Hudson. Pam Helinek will look for some sample notices and include them in the next Conservation Commission package.

Adjournment

Paul Byrne moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Emilie Wilder, vote 6-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.