



TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY

*Conservation Commission
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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES November 25, 2014

Members Present:

Vincent LoRusso, Chairman
George Tzepos
Mary Barton
Thomas Proulx (via phone/conference)

Members Absent:

James G. Crocicchia, Vice Chairman
Justin Stanziale
Terry Manning

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Meeting was called to order at 7:37 P.M. by Chairman Vincent LoRusso. Due to the fact that Thomas Proulx joined the meeting via phone/conference, he requested a roll call. George Tzepos, Mary Barton, Chairman LoRusso and Thomas Proulx each announced themselves.

II. ACTION ON MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 28, 2014 REGULAR MEETING

Motion: to accept the Minutes of the October 28, 2014 Regular Meeting. Made by George Tzepos, seconded by Mary Barton. Unanimous Approval.

III. OLD BUSINESS

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Application #355 – 197 Tranquility Road

Thyrza Whittemore appeared before the Commission in response to receiving a Notice of Violation dated October 22, 2014. Said notice was issued due to clearing and grading activity that was being performed within the regulated area on said property without the consent of the Commission. Upon receipt of said notice, Ms. Whittemore completed a formal application dated 11-5-14 and paid all necessary fees requesting approval of the

removal of invasive shrubs, saplings, vines and dead trees. She reviewed photos of the area with the Commission which shows that it is now seeded over.

Chairman LoRusso read the Notice of Violation for the record. He requested permission from Ms. Whittemore that the members of the Commission be allowed to walk the property.

Ms. Whittemore agreed to site visits by members of the Commission.

Motion: to accept Application #355 – 197 Tranquility Road. Made by Mary Barton, seconded by George Tzepos. Unanimous Approval.

2. Application #356 – Southford Road – Map 7-4 Lot 64/63

There was no one present for said application.

V. DISCUSSION

1. 2015-2016 BUDGET

Chairman LoRusso reviewed various line items of the proposed budget with the Commission. He proposed that the figures of the prior year be carried over with the addition of either signing back up with Southwest Consortium or some sort of training. With an annual flat fee of \$1,500.00, Southwest Consortium includes consultation and the independent review of plans. All agreed that without professional guidance, it leaves the Commission very vulnerable and will ultimately save the Town money in the long run.

Motion: to approve the proposed budget of \$14,035.68. Made by George Tzepos, seconded by Mary Barton. Unanimous Approval.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman LoRusso announced that the Town Code of Conduct will be sent to all members for their review and it will require a signature acknowledgment from each member.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 P.M. Made by Mary Barton, seconded by George Tzepos. Unanimous Approval.

Filed Subject to Approval,

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachelle Behuniak, Recording Clerk

Original to Edith Salisbury, Town Clerk

cc: Conservation Commission Members
Debbie Seavey, WEO
Ollie LeDuc, Building Official
John Calabrese, P.E.
Terry Smith, P&Z
Curtis Bosco, ZEO
Attorney Robert Smith, WPCA
Larry S. Hutvagner, CFO