

HAMILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
February 28, 2018  
Memorial Room, Hamilton Town Hall

Members Present: Virginia Cookson, Bob Cronin, Richard Luongo (Chairman), and George Tarr.

Coordinator: Jim Hankin

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with a quorum established. Jim Hankin reviewed the materials presented to the Commission to include the Letter for the Light Pollution By-law and e-mail comment from Jackie Hodge (Open Space Committee) regarding the draft letter for the Light Pollution By-law.

**Request for Determination of Applicability. 85 School St. Nancy Monaco, Owner and Dan Johnson, Designer.**

Dan Johnson explained the location of the home at the corner of Kennedy St. and School St. The Title 5 testing had failed due to groundwater interference. The second soil test found 4' of permeable soil. Other locations were not suitable, according to Mr. Johnson. The proposed leaching area would be located in the area of the old septic system. A Presby system would be proposed as there was not quite 4' of permeable soil inside the 100'. The Presby system reduced the leaching field and groundwater offset requirement. The system would be gravity fed, eliminating the need for an expensive pump and large mound in the yard. The new system would meet all Title 5 regulations. Erosion control was noted on the plan. The old tank would be crushed and filled.

Jim Hankin said he saw the soil test areas and where the system would be constructed. Mr. Hankin showed photos of the location and noted that the location, relative to adjacent wetlands, was similar to other applications approved in the past. Hamilton Health Agent Leslie Whelan has approved the plan.

Motion made by Virginia Cookson to issue a Negative Determination under the Wetlands Protection Act and Chapter 17, Hamilton By-law with all work being conducted as submitted on the plan. If any changes occurred, the applicant would need to return to the Commission.

Seconded by George Tarr.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

**Discussion Items:**

**Draft letter to the Planning Board referring them to the Open Space Committee Draft Light Pollution By-law and Comments from Jackie Hodge.**

The Commission discussed proceeding with the letter as submitted. Mr. Luongo noted the Commission was giving the Open Space Committee permission to move forward even though the subject matter of the bylaw did not come under the duties of the Conservation Commission.

Motion made by George Tarr to accept the letter regarding the potential Dark Skies By-law as submitted.

Seconded by Virginia Cookson.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

**Topics for March 14 and March 28, 2018 meetings.**

A site walk is tentatively scheduled for March 10, 2018 but nothing is on the site walk agenda at the moment. The developers of the Cutler property will be filing for an ANRAD and the Commission would site walk the proposed wetland line. A preliminary development proposal at this property includes 8 or 9 lots outside the buffer zone.

**Coordinator's Report**

The litigation between Pingree School, the Town (Planning Board and Conservation Commission) and an abutter may be near settlement.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Bob Cronin.

Seconded by Virginia Cookson.

Vote: Unanimous to adjourn at 7:25 pm.

Prepared by:

Marcie Ricker

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Attest

Date