

TOWN OF LUNENBURG

Lunenburg Conservation Commission

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Chris St. Germain	<i>Member</i>
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MINUTES

Wednesday, February 19, 2025 – 7:00 PM | Zoom (Remote)

1. Call to Order

a. Roll Call:

Present: J. Pewtherer, J. Viviano, M. Larouche, C. St Germain, P. Stella, M. Wilson.

Absent: R. Bursch

Welcomed P. Stella to the Commission.

b. Call to order at 7:00 PM by M. Wilson

2. Announcements:

a. **Public Comment:** None

b. **Minutes of previous meetings:** None

c. **Appointments/Hearings:** None

3. Continuation Requests:

4. APPOINTMENTS: None

5. NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS

994 Northfield Road – NOI-25-1

A Notice of Intent by the Lunenburg Conservation Commission for the construction of a parking area to provide trailhead parking and a proposed gravel driveway which involves the crossing of a bordering vegetated wetland and the construction of a wetland replication area located on the Table Rock Conservation land.

Greg Roy (Dillis & Roy) presented for the Lunenburg Conservation Commission. Grants were obtained to create parking areas at conservation lands. This is the initial kickoff for Table Rock. He described the location and the plan, and how it met the Massachusetts storm water management goals. This will go before the Planning board next week. He explained the logic behind the location of the driveway which will be a 12-foot-wide gravel surface. The parking area will accommodate 10 vehicles. He then discussed the proposed replication area.

DEP file number has not been received and he awaited DEP comments.

M. Wilson asked about the flare on the retaining wall – there will be no flare on either end.

J. Viviano wondered if the reclaimed area should be outside of the plowing area. G. Roy agreed to review but noted that it would require more disturbance to the area.

Public comment by Katlin Wiener 939 Northfield Road: wanted to know where the current driveway was in relation to her driveway. G. Roy agreed to include this on the map. She also wondered what would happen to the existing 2-car lot. M. Wilson stated it was owned by the Park Commission.

Motion:	M. Wilson, to continue to March 5, expecting the following: 1. DEP file number 2. DEP questions and responses 3. Review of potentially relocation the replication area 4. Including the driveway of 939 Northfield on the map 5. Planning board review comments			
Second	none			
Vote:	J. Pewtherer – AYE	J. Viviano – AYE	M. Larouche - AYE	C. St. Germain - AYE
	P. Stella – AYE	M. Wilson – AYE		

780 Northfield Road - NOI-25-2

A Notice of Intent by James and Allison Lattanzi for the construction of a wetland replication area to provide mitigation for an existing farm road riverfront crossing and the replacement of an existing culvert within the farm road.

Greg Roy (Dillis & Roy) represented the applicant. Jim Lattanzi was also present. G. Roy reviewed the history of the project. Project was approved twice by the commissioners, but the DEP came back with questions. G. Roy then presented the new proposal. M. Wilson confirmed the road was not in the riverfront area.

Motion:	M. Wilson, to continue to March 5, expecting the following: 1. DEP file number 2. DEP questions and responses			
Second	none			
Vote:	J. Pewtherer – AYE	J. Viviano – AYE	M. Larouche - AYE	C. St. Germain - AYE
	P. Stella – AYE	M. Wilson – AYE		

6. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS

352 Sunset Lane – NOI-24-11

A Notice of Intent by Sally Tonole Luck and Richard Tonole represented by Matthew Marro for the replacement of one retaining wall, replacement of a section of walkway pavers, and removal of three trees with replacement vegetation on the shore of Lake Shirley. (DEP # 208-1341). (Continued from January 22).

Matt Marro represented the applicants. J. Viviano noted that he is an abutter and recused himself. M. Marro noted that the project was reviewed at the last meeting but could not be approved due to lack

of quorum. Paver will be pulled and replaced by hand. All work is within the flood plain. The only difference is that the material will be fieldstone instead of railroad ties.

J. Viviano wanted to know if a mini excavator would be used. M. Marro noted it would be hand work only. M. Wilson noted the work should happen in the draw-down period.

Motion:	J. Pewtherer, to approve with: 3. Standard conditions 4. Work must be conducted during draw down period			
Second	C. St. Germain			
Vote:	M. Larouche – AYE	J. Pewtherer – AYE	C. St. Germain - AYE	M. Wilson – AYE

Note: J. Viviano had excused himself as an abutter. P. Stella was ineligible because it started before he was on board.

90 Howard Street -

An Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation by Kevin O'Brien. (DEP # 208-1304). (Continued from December 4).

Applicant requested continuance to March 5.

338 Sunset Lane – RDA-24-8

A Request for Determination of Applicability by Jeff Viviano for removal of 10 dead trees and 2 leaning trees within the resource area and within 30-foot no-disturb zone of Lake Shirley. (Continued from February 5).

Jeff Viviano represented himself and reviewed the project. M. Wilson confirmed that in addition to the dead trees only two live trees, 10 dead trees, and five re-plantings are being considered.

Motion:	C. St. Germain, to approve			
Second	J. Pewtherer			
Vote:	M. Larouche – AYE	C. St. Germain – AYE	J. Pewtherer - AYE	M. Wilson – AYE

Note: J. Viviano was excused as the applicant. P. Stella was ineligible because it started before he was on board.

7. Filings Previously Continued to a Later Meeting: (for administrative tracking)

213 Electric Avenue – NOI-24-10 (DEP # 208-1339). (Continued from December 4).

67 Island Road (OpenGov.com Record ID# RDA-24-9) - (Continue from January 22)

32 Hemlock Drive – NOI-24-8 (DEP # 208-1337). (Continued February 5th due to incomplete filing – applicant to notify administrator upon completion for rescheduling).

Administrative Determinations:

Extension Request Permits:

Certificates of Compliance:

Notice of Project Change:

ENFORCEMENT:

Violations, Enforcement Actions, and

Hearings:

10 Mass Ave - Filing schedule

1168 Mass Ave Rear

M. Wilson saved images from a tool (Nearmap) to which we no longer have access.

40 Fire Road 12

950 Chase Road

390 Howard Street

48 Meadow Lane

Jim Levasseur (34 Meadow Lane) represented himself. S. Dorow reviewed the concerns: vegetation removed within the buffer zone and stockpiling of inorganic material. J. Levasseur stated that all items of concern are planned to be removed once the snow is gone. He agreed this could happen 30 days after the snow clears.

67 Island Road

Emergency Certifications:

NEW BUSINESS:

Topics Unknown - 48 Hrs. Advance of Meeting: None

100 Townsend Harbor Chap 61 Removal

M. Wilson noted that the property does not meet any of the six criteria for conservation land.

Wildlands Grants: None

Farmland of Local Importance: Moved to the Agricultural Commission

Conservation Budget report: None

Senior Volunteer Program: None

Tree Policy/tree data sheets:

Agreement that the data sheets are useful and not much extra work for S. Dorow.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on Title Searches: No update

April Earth Day Events:

M. Wilson is working on this. C. St. Germaine and J. Pewtherer said they would help.

Encroachment Issues: No updates

950 Chase Rd - Shed Removal

315 Lancaster Ave: None

Open Space and Land Use:

Chapter 61 OpenGov Workflow: No update

Grants Update (LCC sponsored, award year 2023)

Grants Update (LSR sponsored, award year 2022): Remove from future agendas

Conservation Land Improvement

Local mountain bikers got permission to groom the snow trails. M. Wilson indicated they are doing a great job.

Hollis Road Residence:

Lease Agreements & Tenant Responsibilities

Members of the public have volunteered to rewrite the custodian license agreement and plan to come back on March 5.

Committee Reports – Any Update:

Open Space:

They met last week but we did not attend. C. St. Germain indicated he would be willing to take this on.

Storm Water: No update

Communications/Public Comment:

Adjourn:

Meeting schedule: Next meeting is March 5th, 2025, at 7:00 PM by Zoom platform

Motion:	J. Pewtherer, to adjourn at 9:02PM			
Second	M. Larouche			
Vote:	P. Stella – AYE	C. St. Germain – AYE	M. Larouche - AYE	J. Viviano - AYE
	J. Pewtherer – AYE	M. Wilson – AYE		

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Gale - Admin Asst.