



# **Town of Wales Conservation Commission**

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Virtual Meeting

Minutes

December 17, 2020

Members Present: Norma Thompson (Clerk / Chair), Hugh Brower (Member), Robert Herbert (Member)

6:00 pm Public Meeting opened  
Public Hearing opened

17 Shore Drive Joel Mueller/ tight tank install continued from Nov 22 meeting. Lori McCool, Engineer, present / discussed design of tank. Top of tank will be level with ground. The elevation will be 7 feet above water level. Discussed with owner need to not be in violation of any DEP regulations before approval. All docks need to be in compliance with chapter 91 (filed with DEP). This requires RDA to Conservation for approval, one dock allowed, and Chapter 91 Form filed with DEP. Applicant needs to do RDA for Chapter 91. Agreed continued to next meeting.

216 Union Road / Lori Whitman stated she would be at this meeting continued several times with no show. Commission discussed issues on RDA. Owner purchased property with a stream crossing, not maintained. No vehicle access to property. After they get permission for driveway from Highway Dept.; they will need to get NOI for culvert needed to cross stream. Applicant failed to show requested wetlands map. Three voted yes for positive determination. Will mail Commission's decision to owner. Public Hearing closed

Public meeting resumed.

Sizer Drive solar project, Eng. Stephen Herzog / meeting approved to Jan 2021. Advised we cannot conduct Public meeting with him unless we have copies of certified mailings to abutters, and posting to Palmer Journal for date of meeting.

Also clarified Notice of Intent good for two years after date of filing. However, if there is no good cause for delay: unfavorable finances are not a reason for delay; Commission can vote to deny. Applicant has 10 days after denial to appeal.

Other misc.

Pipe line workers must report when in town at a site or their activity is in violation. In-house contractors exempt

B of H received call in ref to an incident on Union Road. Manure and dead animals. Hugh B. and Robert H. went with B of H to site visit. Findings not a Wetland problem, because Wetlands not altered. This is farm property. Will notify B of H our findings.

Will wait until spring to further Open Spaces conversation.

Discussion on new Conservation rule no vote yet.

Also review how we will handle RDA or NOI filings.

If 50 ft. from water, we can determine if erosion or sediment needs NOI instead of RDA.

We will also be looking into possibility of using Agent when needed.

Next regular meeting Jan 21, 2021, virtual at 6 pm

Closed meeting at 8:43 PM.

