**Lenox Conservation Commission**

**Landuse Meeting Room**

**September 6, 2018**

**Minutes**

**Members present:** Chair Neal Carpenter, (NC); Joseph Strauch, (JS); Vince Ammendola, (VA); David Lane, (DL); Dick Ferren, (DF); and Mark Smith, (MS)

**Absent with notification:** Rose Fitzgerald Casey, (RFC)

**Staff present:** Peggy Ammendola, Land Use Clerk, (PA)

The meeting was recorded.

**Request for Determination of Applicability, Jedd and Sandra Hall for 474 Walker St., Map 39 Parcel 25.** The proposed project is the installation of a 12X19 foot in-ground pool and 10 to 12 fence posts.

There was a site visit which was attended by JS, NC, and VA. DL went at another time.

MS recused himself from this meeting.

Presenting the application was Jedd Hall.

The location of the proposed 20 X 12 feet kidney shaped pool is about 45 feet from the wetlands. It will be 30 feet from the back of the house and it will be located in the lawn area and within the buffer zone. DF made a motion to issue a Negative 3 Determination. DL seconded the motion and the Commission voted to agree 5-0-1. MS recused himself.

**Request for Determination of Applicability, George Krupp for 65 Cliffwood St., Map 46 Parcel 7.** The proposed project is the removal of an existing tennis court and construction of a single family home. Access to that home will be off of Yokun.

Presenting the RDA was Sarah Gapinski of SK Design Group Inc.

Ms. Gapinski described the subject property which is located at Cliffwood and Yokun. The proposed location of the structure is over 270 feet south of a resource area that is on an abutting property.

There was a site visit which was attended by Matt Puntin of SK Design, JS, NC, MS and VA. DL went at another time.

DF made a motion to issue a Negative 4 Determination. JS seconded the motion and the board JS seconded the motion. 5-0-1. DL abstained.

Bob Horn, Water Superintendent for the Town of Lenox, to discuss the Solar Bee Project that is planned for the Root Reservoirs.

Present were Bill Gop Superintendent of the Department of Public Works and Nicole Pyser of BNRC.

The proposal is to provide long-distance solar-powered circulation in order to control harmful cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) blooms and associated taste, odor and toxicity issues. In addition to provide overall water quality, pH, and oxygen fluctuations. Solar Bees proposed for Lenox will have the solar panels on Land and the mixer tethered in the water.

Mr. Horn wanted the Commission and Berkshire Natural Resources Council (BNRC) to be aware of the project due to the fact that the Town has a Conservation Restriction with BNRC on this site. Mr. Horn will need to document the approvals of the Commission and BNRC for a certification MASS DEP requires, “For Proposed Solar and Wind Energy Projects on Lands Owned or Controlled by Public Water Systems for Drinking Water Purposes”. Mr. Horn said that the Town will be putting in about 10% toward the cost and the rest is being paid for as a part of a MASS DEP Energy Efficiency Grant the Town received earlier this year.

Mr. Horn said that there are about 400 of these systems throughout the country. There are none in the western part of the Commonwealth, but there are some in Brocton and Ipswich. Houston TX has 20 or more.

JS made a motion to approve as stated. VA seconded the motion and the Commission voted to approve

6-0.

Mr. Horn said that he is still going through the approval process with MASS DEP, but he believes that it will go in when the reservoir thaws next spring.

**Approve Minutes**-*August 16, 2018-*JS made a motion to approve the minutes. DF seconded the motion and the Commission voted to approve 5-0-1. MS abstainedas he was not at that meeting.

**Other Business-**

NC advised the Commission that the Army Corp of Engineers sent a letter (addressed to Bill Gop of the DPW) dated August 27th stating that they have reviewed the Town’s application for the Walker Street project and “have determined that the proposed activity, which “includes work and/or a discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States, including wetlands, will have only minimal individual or cumulative environmental impacts.”

A site visit was scheduled at 188 East Dugway on September 13th at 9:30 AM. The project will be the replacement of a failed septic system.

VA made a motion to adjourn and MS seconded the motion. The Commission voted to agree 6-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Ammendola