

**Town of Lenox
Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Thursday March 21st, 2024
Town Hall Land Use Room
7:30 PM**

APPROVED APRIL 18TH 2024

Members Present: Neal Carpenter- chair, Vincent Ammendola, Mark Smith, Dave Lane, Rose Fitzgerald-Casey, Richard Ferren

Absent without Notification: Andrew Silver

Others: Roger Schuerer, Denise Schuerer, Adam Mazzantini Peggy Ammendola, Heidi Ferren

Staff: Neena Martino

NC called the meeting to order at 7:30

1. **Request for Determination of Applicability** – filed by the Laurel Lake Preservation Association for the hand removal of invasive water chestnut plants

NC read the notice for the record. The MA DEP approved the request prior to this meeting, limiting the association to one year to perform the work. Roger Schuerer gave some detail on the project; he explained that the water chestnut is a very invasive plant and takes over the whole surface of the water. It grows exponentially in shallow water but if the roots are pulled in June or July, it drastically slows their reproduction and makes them much easier to manage.

Motion made by DL to approve the project as presented, seconded by VA. All were in favor

2. **Notice of Intent under the Scenic Mountain Act** - 36 Pittsfield Road filed by Pennrose-Boston c/o Rebecca Schofield

The board discussed the minimal changes between this NOI and the one submitted and approved in 2021. AM explained that there will be additional clearing along the roadway to put in two septic chambers, a fire pump chamber and a pump house. They also added a couple yard drains.

VA questioned slope protection. AM answered that all slopes greater than 3:1 will be stabilized with rip rap and fabric.

Motion made by VA to approve the application as presented, seconded by RFC. All were in favor.

3. **Notice of Intent** – 238 Pittsfield Road filed by Pennrose-Boston c/o Rebecca Schofield

The commission is still waiting on feedback from their wetland consultant, Emily Stockman, after the site visit took place last week. They determined at the visit that the delineation flags need to be numbered.

Motion made by MS to continue the hearing for 238 Pittsfield Road, seconded by RF. All were in favor

4. **Approval of Minutes** - March 7, 2024

Motion made by RF to approve the minutes as written, seconded by RFC. All were in favor

5. **Other Business**

NC distributed the newest NOI application for 297 West Street, Tanglewood to the commission.

Motion to adjourn made by RFC at 8:18pm, seconded by RF. All were in favor