



TOWN OF PALMER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY JUNE 17, 2014 @ 7:00 PM

Members Present: Robert Ring (Chair)
Donald Duffy (Vice Chair)
Dennis Cote
Tharyn Nein-Large
Sean O'Donnell
Angela Panaccione (Agent)

Members Absent: Peter Izyk

Also Present: -----

Meeting Opens: 7:00 PM – Robert Ring (Chair)

7:00 PM Administrative Matters: Minute Approval

Motion made by Donald Duffy to accept the minutes from Tuesday June 3, 2014 as corrected

Motion seconded by Tharyn Nein-Large

No further discussion – vote taken: 4-0-1 (Dennis Cote Abstains)

7:10 PM Amended Notice of Intent DEP # 256-0269: Palmer Motorsports Park; West Ware Road

*Donald Duffy & Dennis Cote recuses themselves from the proceedings and left the room during this discussion.

A request to amend a Notice of Intent submitted by Pioneer Environmental c/o Palmer Motorsports Park, to amend the existing Order of Conditions for the proposed construction of a motorsports facility. The amendment is proposed to retract sections of the permit that will be revised in a subsequent Notice of Intent, to avoid having two (2) Orders of Conditions with contradicting proposals. The location of the proposed project is on West Ware Road Palmer, MA 01069, and is also known as: Map 49-4; Map 51-1; and Map 52-8; Map 44-33 and Map 44-35.

The applicant requested a continuance. DEP is currently investigating possible violations and has requested the Commission stay the hearings until further notice.

Motion made by Tharyn Nein-Large to continue the Public Hearing until Tuesday July 15, 2014 at 7:30 pm

Motion seconded by Sean O'Donnell

No further discussion – vote taken: 3-0-0 (*Donald Duffy & Dennis Cote Recuses) – Motion Carries

7:50 PM Notice of Intent: Palmer Motorsports Park; West Ware Road

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A Notice of Intent submitted by Pioneer Environmental c/o Palmer Motorsports Park, to revise portions of the motorsports park facility that is currently under construction. Revisions are proposed to the track layout, stream crossings, pit lane location and paddock locations. A drinking water supply well and septic system have been designed and new work includes the construction of clubhouses with parking and the filing of a previously crossed wetland. The location of the proposed project is on West Ware Road Palmer, MA 01069, and is also known as: Map 49-4; Map 51-1; and Map 52-8; Map 44-33 and Map 44-35.

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7:15 PM Administrative Matters: Re-Appointments – Dennis Cote & Peter Izyk

Dennis Cote has sent a letter to the Town Manager requesting re-appointment to the Commission for the next three years. Peter Izyk, who was not in attendance, did inform the Agent he would be doing the same. The Agent will be keeping record of appointments in the office.

7:17 PM Administrative Matters: Peterson Road Solar Site Visit

The Commission has received a Request for Determination for a Solar development on Peterson Road. The Public Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 15, 2014 at 7pm. The applicant has requested a site visit prior to the meeting. The Commission will conduct a site visit with SVE Associates, at the Peterson Road site on Thursday June 26, 2014 at 10am.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday July 15, 2014 at 7pm

7:25 PM Meeting Adjourned

Motion made by Dennis Cote to adjourn

Motion seconded by Donald Duffy

No further discussion – vote taken: 5-0-0– Motion Carries

Sincerely Submitted,
Angela Panaccione, Agent