

West Newbury Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting date & place: 7:30 pm, April 13, 2020 West Newbury Town Annex and Remote Participation.

Members Present: Present in the West Newbury Town Annex: Chair Dawne Fusco, Judy Mizner, Conservation Agent Bert Comins; Present via GoToMeeting.com: Wendy Reed, Margaret Hawkins, Tom Atwood.

At the outset, Chairman Fusco read the following statement: “Pursuant to Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor’s March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the West Newbury Conservation Commission will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible.”

Continued Public Hearing --- Notice of Intent DEP File # 078-0701 --- Justin Bartholomew/Pentucket Regional School District --- 24 Main Street --- for proposed demolition of existing Middle and High School buildings and construction of a new High School and Middle School building with associated work including new roadways and parking areas, access driveway, utilities, landscaping, athletic fields, slope stabilization, earthwork, and revegetation. Several aspects of the proposed project are in the buffer zone to bordering vegetated wetlands.

Technological issues prevented those participating remotely from hearing what was being said in the Annex.

By unanimous roll call vote, the Commission determined to 1) have members email their questions about this project to the Conservation Agent by Wednesday, April 15, 2) address the technological issues associated with meeting remotely, and 3) reconvene at 7:30 pm on Thursday, April 16, 2020.

Adjournment

The Commission adjourned 8:05 p.m.

Meeting Documents

Presentations and records associated with each matter identified, as included in Mr. Comins’ files.

Respectfully submitted