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PUBLIC HEARING TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021 5:30 P.M. BY ZOOM

Members Present: Bob Clark - Chair, Henry Woolsey, Ann Lewis, Mike Seitz, Anne Cavanaugh - Clerk

Guests Present: James Rheault, applicant

OPEN MEETING

The meeting called to order at 5:30 pm.

Notice of Intent by James Rheault of 510 Mechanic Street, Leominster, MA 01453 for construction of a driveway crossing bordering vegetated wetland and the replication of approximately 4,900 square feet (S.F.) for the construction of a single-family home on property currently owned by Brian Scott-Lombardo of Cromwell, CT 06416 on New Athol Road, Map 408, Lots 88-0 and 79-0. A copy of the Notice of Intent may be inspected on <https://www.mytowngovernment.org/01366> Conservation Commission page.

Mr. Rheault continues to work with Mr. Foulis/DEP on the driveway plan and wetland replication area. As an alternative location for the driveway, Mr. Rheault contacted Greg Waid/Superintendent, Petersham Highway Department, about opening the guardrail at the northern boundary of the property. Mr. Waid made a site visit and recommended that the guardrail not be breached for a number of safety reasons. Mr. Rheault shared a copy of Mr. Waid's letter of 2/18/21 which was cc'd to the Selectboard and the Conservation Commission. Per Mr. Foulis, Mr. Rheault will complete wetland data sheets and wetland reports. Bob asked if Mr. Rheault had seen Mark Stinson's/DEP's technical comments on the NOI and suggested he work from these. Mr. Woolsey asked if Mr. Rheault would use two culverts or one. Mr. Rheault stated he would prefer to use one located at the water channel/stream. Ann Lewis asked about potential erosion/runoff from the driveway including salt and wetting agents, sand, motor oil, gasoline, and other substances entering the wetland. Mr. Rheault stated he will not use salt or sand on the driveway. Mr. Clark stated that the state doesn't operate New Athol road, the town does, and the town uses less salt than the state.

For further water quality certification criteria, there will be another site walk to observe the water channel/stream in the wetland crossing to see where and how far it flows to determine if the wetland is isolated or not, date TBD.

Henry Woolsey moved to continue the hearing to Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 5:30 pm by Zoom. Ann Lewis seconded the Motion. The motion passed with Anne Cavanaugh, Mike Seitz, and Bob Clark in favor.

After the hearing, Henry Woolsey had to leave the meeting for a Select Board meeting at 6:00 p.m.

The public hearing was continued at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Cavanaugh, Clerk

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