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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Board of Selectmen
Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes –January 29, 2025

Pursuant to a notice duly filed with the Town Clerk, a meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held in person at 191 Church Street (Cheshire Community House) on Wednesday January 29, 2025, at 6:00 PM.

Board of Selectmen Members Present:	Shawn McGrath, Chair Ray Killeen, Member Ron DeAngelis, Member Michelle Francesconi, Member
Board of Selectmen Member Absent:	Jason Levesque
Conservation Commission Members Present:	Mary Summers, Chair Ray Killeen, Member
Conservation Commission Member Absent:	Brett Gelinas

Others Present: Jennifer Morse, Town Administrator; Corey McGrath, DPW Director; Mia Francesconi, Executive Assistant; Donna MacNicol, Town Counsel; Patricia Roberts; Patrick Waterman; Attorney Thomas Hamel; Charlie LaBatt, Engineer; Lynn Melchiori; Liseann Karandisecky.

S. McGrath called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6:01 p.m.
M. Summers called the meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 6:01 p.m.

12 South Street

DPW Director Corey McGrath explained that the town right of way on West Mountain Road on the property owner side of the roadway is 24' 11" from the center line. The guardrails are 13' from the center line and have been compromised due to the excavation work done this past summer/fall. The total length of the compromised the guardrail is 112.5 feet. To date the Town has installed jersey barriers due to public safety concerns at a cost to the town of $2,550 which has been invoiced to the property owner. The cost to install 112.5 feet of guardrail is $3,825, the guardrails will need to be closer to the roadway with longer posts as there is not enough embankment to replace in the current location. In addition, the natural swale has been compromised that runs into the state stormwater system, materials will need to be replaced. C. McGrath stated that the project was beyond the town's ability to repair and he was asked if the town obtained engineering quotes.
The town has not explored engineering.

Attorney Hamel questioned the date that the Stormwater Bylaw was approved by the Town and AGO office

noting that demolition of the building was in 2022 to which a permit was pulled. It was explained that the bylaw passed in 2023 and the work was done in the summer/fall 2024. Mr. Waterman spoke out and denied that he excavated the property and further stated that his equipment was not on property this past year. R. DeAngelis stated that the town has evidence in the form of photos and testimony that the work was done in 2024.
It was agreed by all parties that the best path moving forward was a site visit to the property which would be organized by the Town Administrator. Mr. Hamel requested that the property owner be allowed an extension of thirty days to allow for the site inspection to take place.

M. Stucklen spoke for the Conservation Commission regarding the land disturbance and the immediate need for erosion controls due to the stormwater drainage. It was explained that the property would not need a Notice of Intent as there are no wetlands, however, Stormwater Permitting will be needed to rectify the excavation work.

Conservation Commission Adjournment

A motion was made by M. Summers and seconded by R. Killeen to adjourn the Conservation Commission meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: R. Killeen – Yes, M. Summers – Yes
Motion Carries: 2-0

Cheshire Rod and Gun Club One Day liquor Licenses

A motion was made by S. McGrath and seconded by M. Francesconi to approve the Cheshire Rod and Gun Club Liquor Licenses.

Roll call Vote: R. DeAngelis – Yes; R. Killeen – Yes; M. Francesconi – Yes; S. McGrath - Yes
Motion Carries: 4-0

Public Comment

Liseann Karandisecky shared that a complaint was received by the HLD and by the Town regarding an ice shanty set up on the lake. She explained to the residents of Lakeshore Drive that the lake is owned by the state and that the HLD and town have no jurisdiction to ask the owner to remove the shanty and that it will likely be taken down after the upcoming fishing derby

Board of Selectmen Adjournment

A motion was made by M. Francesconi and seconded by S. McGrath to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Roll call Vote: R. DeAngelis – Yes; R. Killeen – Yes; M. Francesconi – Yes; S. McGrath - Yes
Motion Carries: 4-0

Respectfully submitted

Jennifer Morse
February 6, 2025

Approved: February 18, 2025