

Chair Doug Dubitsky called meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Helen Weingart, Randy Godaire, Dan Pearce, Alternate Bob Dubos, Alternate Jim McPherson.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pete Fiasconaro, Dave Garceau, Doug Cates, Alternate Bill Ireland.

ALTERNATES SEATED: Jim McPherson seated for Pete Fiasconaro; Bob Dubos seated for Doug Cates.

ALSO PRESENT: Recording Clerk Kathleen Scott.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 03.12.26 REGULAR MEETING:

D. Pearce motioned to approve, seconded by H. Weingart and carried with abstentions by B. Dubos, D. Pearce and R. Godaire.

CITIZENS HAVING NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

A. 80 Marcy Road:

Ordinance initiated for excessive junk at 80 Marcy Road with 3-month extension to pause fines that expires today. Commission needs to decide to continue extension or to reinstate fines. Considerable progress made until brutal winter set in per ZEO.

- Jim McPherson asked to clarify fines (after 2 months of fines, owner asked for pause of fines to allow time for cleanup – paused at least twice).
- Property owner Joan Maclure and family spoke about ZEO concerns with red van behind the garage (waiting for friend with flatbed truck with winch to come pull it out) and piles of tires (many have rims – can break them down and organize into stacks) - Doug noted new tire program extended 1 year.
- D. Dubitsky asked about other small debris (bags of returnable cans moved to school bus, most metal debris removed, 2 camper tops can be used on tire stacks as shelter for returnable cans, need to cleanup small area back by pond), and asked if there are pictures (owner presented tablet of photos and noted setbacks with 2 big trees coming down during windstorm and surgery).
- D. Pearce asked how wet it was where the red van is (problem is location and clearance for vehicle to get in to pull it out).
- B. Dubos asked if keeping the school bus (using to store returnable cans – don't know anyone that can remove it), and asked if cleanup could be wrapped up in 3 months (should be).

R. Godaire motioned to extend pause in fines for 3 months until July 9, 2026 meeting, seconded by B. Dubos and carried unanimously - H. Weingart would like monthly updates on progress.

- J. McPherson asked to clarify what progress means (ZEO goes to property monthly to take photos on progress, determine compliance and updates the Commission).

NEW BUSINESS: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Memo from 1st Selectman regarding townwide freeze on all discretionary spending (applies to training).

REPORT OF THE ZONING OFFICER: None

ITEMS PRO RE NATA:

- R. Godaire asked to go over Bill 151 (hasn't gone through Senate yet - State would take over zoning with many things exempt from Commission's jurisdiction including: all setbacks (would be 5ft. from side lot, 10ft. from road), minimum lot sizes (would be 1/10th of an acre), types of housing to be built (would allow accessory apartment for every lot without permit), size of housing, parking, jurisdiction for small septic system moved from DEEP to Health Department with reduced size per unit, separate bill passed Committee that would allow any religious organization to build low-income deed restricted housing on any land they own).
- B. Dubos noted internet article about tire issue – retailers required to join mandatory tire program by July 2027 (deadline this year - tire manufacturers granted 1-year extension, towns and retailers to start collecting tires soon at no charge and stockpile them for manufacturers to come and remove).

ADJOURNMENT:

H. Weingart motioned to adjourn (7:53 PM), seconded by R. Godaire. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,
Recording Clerk Kathleen Scott