

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
Monday, November 27, 2017 Town Hall, Room 101, 7:05 PM



Meeting Minutes

Chairman David Haines called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Present were Commissioners Mike Cavatorta, Jon Clements, Edward Knight, Eric Wojtowicz and John Henry. LeeAnne Connolly, Conservation Administrator, was present for the meeting. Conservation Clerk, Michele Nowak, was present for the meeting.

- 7:05 Request for Determination, Cont. – 36 Grela Terrace, tree cutting, Map 101, Lot #56.00, Sue Everden & Laurie Shannon, applicants. The applicants were present for the meeting. M. Cavatorta recused himself as an abutter. J. Clements conducted the site visit. L. Connolly passed around some photographs of the property showing the 4 trees the applicant wants to remove. The proposed tree cutting is to install solar panels on the roof of the residence. Applicant obtained multiple quotes that all noted the need for the removal of 4 trees. The work would be on existing lawn. The Commission requested that there will be no stumping or earth removal. No work is allowed within 40 ft. of the Bank of Holland Pond. Any removal of debris will be done by hand. E. Knight motioned to issue a Negative Determination, J. Clements seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5:0:1).
- 7:20 Request for Determination – 325 Warren Wright Rd., foundation repair, Map 216, Lot #28.00, Bridget Litchfield, applicant. The applicant was present for the meeting. E. Knight conducted the site visit. Pictures of the house and property were presented to the Commission. The proposed work is to install a new pre-formed cement bulkhead. Alan Weiss delineated the wetland two years ago and was reviewed by the Commission at that time. There will be an excavator to do the work as well as a dump truck to bring in fill with the intent of the removal of a rubble wall and replace with block. The applicant will replace the sills and jack up the house to do repairs. Erosion controls as discussed will be placed at the top of the Bank. All work is adjacent to the house. J. Clements motioned to issue a Negative Determination, J. Henry seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (6:0).
- 7:30 Request for Determination – 401 South St., septic repair, Map 280, Lot #24.00, Carl Nolan, applicant. The applicants were present for the meeting. Mike Pietras was present representing the applicants. D. Haines conducted the site visit. There was a septic repair in the past and was reviewed by the Commission at that time. Soil samples were taken. The wetland delineation was confirmed. The applicant has a meeting with Board of Health on Dec 5th for a variance to allow a soil log. Marginal soils on the fringe of the wetland line but no hydric soils showed in the boring holes. Limit of work is 50 ft. A final plan was presented to the Commission. If the BOH approves the variance, the work can be moved farther away from the 50 ft. Buffer Zone. The Commission requested that the topography be shown on the plan and to add a 119 ft. contour to the revised plan. Should the variance be granted, the Commission had concerns about the effect on the wetland delineation. J. Henry motioned to issue a Negative Determination, J. Clements seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (6:0).

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- 7:45 Notice of Intent, Cont. – Bardwell St., house construction, DEP #104-1023, Map 268, Lot #28.00 (7), Kenneth & Joyce Douthwright, applicants. The applicants were here for the meeting. Don Frydryk, Professional Engineer, was present representing the applicants. Both D. Haines and M. Cavatorta conducted the site visit. Soils were looked at by D. Haines and confirmed the wetland delineation. Permanent markers are at 50 ft. There was a small shift in the driveway due to the well, and a revised plan was presented to the Commission. It is currently a meadow and the applicant will mow between the 50 ft. to 25 ft. once a year in the fall. There will be two different sets of permanent markers, one at the 25 ft. Buffer Zone and the second at the 50 ft. The Commission discussed the types of permanent markers to be used - split rail fence, concrete bounds or native bushes. If native shrubs are used at the 25 ft., they would be 10 ft. on center to create a hedge. The Commission also advised that the 25 ft. be staked for a few years until the vegetation growth clearly delineates the barriers. J. Clements motioned to issue an Order of Conditions, E. Wojtowicz seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (6:0).
- 8:00 Notice of Intent, Cont. - 87 Metacomet St., house additions & garage, DEP #104-1024, Map 104, Lot #33.00, David Fuhrmann, applicant. The tree clearing was already conducted on this lot prior to this filing. The applicant was present for the meeting. An alternatives analysis was submitted to the Commission. E. Wojtowicz conducted the original site visit. The applicant presented revised plans to the Commission. The silt fence issue from the previous meeting has not yet been addressed. There is currently disturbed soil at the top of the hill around the interior of the silt fence and the Commission discussed their concerns over its proper installation. The Commission had concerns about the proximity of new construction inside the 50 ft. Buffer Zone and with the alternatives analysis presented. The applicant had concerns about the changes the Commission requested. The Commission requested the applicant to include topography and permanent marker location/identification shown on the revised plan. The Commission would like to conduct another site visit to determine the actual limit of work, or whether it can be pulled back at any point. The site visit was scheduled for 12 PM on Saturday, December 2nd. J. Clements motioned to continue, with applicant's permission, M Cavatorta seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (6:0).
- 8:25 Notice of Intent, Cont. – Mountain View Dr., house construction, DEP #104-1026, Map 264 Lot #20.00, Dahlia Dev., LTD, applicant. The applicant, Neil Jackson, was present for the meeting. J. Clements, Heather Comee, the wetland consultant, L. Connolly and D. Haines conducted a site visit and soil tests were done. The wetland delineation was confirmed. The limit of work is 50 ft. and all work is outside the 50 ft. Buffer Zone. Permanent markers will identify the limit of work. E. Knight motioned to issue an Order of Conditions, J. Clements seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (6:0).

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Certificate of Compliance – 220 Old Enfield Rd., DEP #104-852, Map 232, Lot #111.03, Laliberte House Builders, applicant. L. Connolly conducted the site visit. The lawn is in and is well established and stable. M. Cavatorta motioned to issue a Certificate of Compliance, J. Henry seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (6:0).

Certificate of Compliance - 98 Sabin St., DEP #104-329, Map 248, Lot #4.00, Packard Law Office, applicant. L. Connolly conducted the site visit. The lawn is in and is well established and stable as this house was built in 1992. J. Clements motioned to issue a Certificate of Compliance, J. Henry seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (6:0).

Discussion Items: Bills - None

- ✚ Minutes – The Commission motioned unanimously, (6:0), to approve the November 13th draft minutes as amended.
- ✚ Miscellaneous Matters – D. Haines made the official announcement of N. Burns' resignation. E. Knight and J. Clements will not be attending the Dec 11th meeting.
- ✚ Catherine Dr. Land Gift Deed – Commission's signatures obtained.
- ✚ New Business – Forest Cutting Plan from DCR – The Commission reviewed the Forest Cutting Plan.
- ✚ Order of Conditions- Extension Request, South Liberty St., DEP #104-965, Robert VanZandt, owner. L. Connolly informed the Commission that the current Order of Conditions expires on 11/13/2018. The applicant is requesting a 2 year extension. The Commission had concerns about the status of the replication required in the OOC. The Commission voted unanimously, (6:0) to continue this matter to the next meeting.
- ✚ Christmas Party Dec. 11, 2017 – L. Connolly confirmed the date and party with the Commission.
- ✚ Conservation Administrator's Retirement on 2/28/18 – The Commission was officially notified of L. Connolly's retirement date.

9:50 P M. Cavatorta motioned to adjourn, E. Wojtowicz seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (6:0).

NEXT MEETING Monday, December 11, 2017