CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING  
Monday, March 28, 2016 Town Hall, Room 101, 7:05 PM

Meeting Minutes

Vice-Chairman Linda Leduc called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Present were Commissioners John Henry, Jon Clements, Edward Knight, Mike Cavatorta and Joseph Babineau. LeeAnne Connolly, Conservation Administrator, was present for the meeting. Conservation Clerk, Michele Nowak, recorded the minutes. Commissioner David Haines was not present for the meeting. Associate member Nicholas Burns was present for the meeting.

7:05 Notice of Intent, Cont. – North Liberty St., house construction, DEP #104-969, Jeff Almeida, applicant, Map 268, Lot #52.00 (C). The applicant was not present for the meeting and requested to continue the hearing until April 25th. M. Cavatorta motioned to continue the hearing, with applicant’s permission, to April 25, 2016, J. Henry seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5:0).

7:10 Request for Determination, Cont. – Christmas Tree Farm, 69 Hamilton St., Map 239, Lot #19.30, Jason Lafleur, applicant. The applicant was present for the meeting and gave his permission to continue the hearing. There was no discussion on this matter as, due to illness, the site visit was not conducted. J. Babineau motioned to continue the hearing until the April 11th meeting, M. Cavatorta seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (6:0).

7:10 Commissioner J. Babineau arrived.

7:25 Request for Determination – South Washington St., utility pole installation, Map 273, Lot #15.15, Mass Electric, applicant. Kate Wilkins, from Tighe and Bond on behalf of National Grid, was present representing the applicant. J. Clements conducted the site visit. The proposed work is for the installation of three new poles. Pole #5-55 pole is 50 ft. away from the wetland line. The area has been cleared per the NOI and will be mulched and seeded once the work is done. Digging will be outside the 50 Ft. Buffer Zone. Pole locations are outside the silt fence. The trench will be going up right along the driveway. J. Clements motioned to issue a Negative Determination, J. Babineau seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (6:0).

7:40 Notice of Intent – North Washington St., house construction, DEP #104-981, Bell Property Corp., LLC, applicant, Map 268, Lot #24.05(CC). The applicant was not present for the meeting. John Goddard was present to represent the applicant. J. Henry conducted the site visit. The wetland flags have been approved under an ANRAD. This proposed work is at the intersection of Bardwell and North Washington St. and will be a single family home. The limit of work is the 50 ft. Buffer Zone. The Commission had concerns about multiple road culverts located on or near this property that are not shown on the site plan or on the stormwater plan. J. Henry noticed by Wetland flag #57, just north of flag #53, ponding of water upstream. Abutters were present and voiced concerns about water flowing over the road impacting their properties and the proposed work making this situation worse. The Commission requested that the applicant provide revised plans showing the wetlands on the other side of North Washington St. in relationship to this planned work and locate the road culverts for both this NOI and Stormwater plans. The Commission recommended continuing this hearing in order to reassess the revised plans of the proposed work. J. Babineau motioned to continue this hearing until the April 11th meeting, E. Knight seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (6:0).
7:50 Notice of Intent – North Washington St., house construction, DEP #104-980, Bell Property Corp., LLC, applicant, Map 268, Lot #22.04(EE). The applicant was not present for the meeting. John Goddard was present to represent the applicant. J. Henry conducted the site visit. A culvert was noted between Flag #302 and #301 and confirmed wetlands in the meadow by Flag #302 and #303. The silt fence needs to be toed in and fixed. They have a 100 ft. setback from the leach field. Abutters present at the hearing stated that there is ponding of water there currently. The Commission had concerns about stabilization and requested that the applicant submit a revised plan showing permanent markers and all culverts on the property. The Stormwater plan must also be revised to show any road culverts running under North Washington St. E. Knight motioned to continue this hearing, with the applicants permission, until the April 11th meeting, M. Cavatorta seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (6:0).

8:05 Request for Determination – Bay Rd., house construction, Jeffrey Oldenburg, applicant, Map106, Lot #3.00 (withdrawn). The applicant withdrew this RDA filing.

8:15 Discussion Item – Old Bay Rd., house construction, Map 229, Lot #3.01, Jamie Ryznic, applicant. The applicant was present for the meeting. She will be filing a Notice of Intent for the construction of a single-family house. It was confirmed during discussion that this lot is grandfathered as it was established prior to 5/23/2006, before the revised wetland regulations. There was a filing on this lot in the past and it shows a stream that is Perennial. The applicant is not going to be filling in any wetlands. The Commission informed her that work within 10% disturbance or up to 5,000 sq. ft., whichever is greater, is allowed in the Riverfront Area. The lot needs to be recorded prior to 8/1/96, in order to be considered grandfathered.

8:30 Notice of Intent – 187 North Washington St., house construction, DEP #104-982, Leon Berneche, applicant, Map 256, Lot #21.00. The applicant was not present for the meeting. There was no discussion on this matter as, due to illness, the site visit was not conducted. This hearing will be continued until the next meeting, with the applicant’s permission. E. Knight motioned to continue this hearing until April 11th, M. Cavatorta seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (6:0).

8:35 Request for Determination – Gold St., beaver flow device, Reed Conservation Area, LeeAnne Connolly, applicant, Map 207, Lot #10.00. The applicant was present for the meeting. There is a flooding problem at the Reed Conservation area. J. Babineau conducted the site visit. L. Connolly contacted Beaver Solutions' Mike Callahan to come out and assess the situation and put together a price quote for the installation of a beaver deceiver. The culvert is completely blocked and is under at least four feet of water. The flooding is from the main pond, which now looks more like a lake, and has blocked access to the hiking trails. The intent is to drop the pond level 3-4 feet with a level Pond Flow device. Beaver Solutions will conduct the work and maintenance; it comes with a lifetime guarantee, and DPW will assist by taking away the muck and dam debris. An MSPCA Grant has been applied for to help with costs. They anticipate installing the Beaver Deceiver in a month or so. E. Knight motioned to issue a Negative Determination, J. Clements seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (6:0).

Certificate of Compliance - 30 Pheasant Run, DEP #104-741, Carol Morra, applicant. L. Connolly conducted the site visit. The house is built, the lot is stable and well vegetated. L. Connolly recommended this lot be released from the Order of Conditions so they can sell it. M. Cavatorta motioned to issue a Certificate of Compliance from the subdivision OOC, J. Henry seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (6:0).
Certificate of Compliance - 141 Sheffield Dr., DEP #104-669, Thomas Beaudry, applicant. L. Connolly recommended that this be continued as an As-Built has not yet been submitted to the Commission.

Certificate of Compliance - 25 Lake Dr., DEP #104-928, Robert Harris, applicant. There was no discussion on this, the meeting adjourned before this was heard and will be heard at the next meeting on April 11th.

Discussion Items: Bills – The Commission voted unanimously, (6:0) to pay the bills.

- Minutes – The Commission voted unanimously, (6:0) to approve the 2/23/16 draft minutes as amended.
- Miscellaneous Matters - L. Connolly informed the Commission that she received a request for a Partial Certificate of Completion for 22 Pondview Circle. L. Connolly conducted the site visit. This lot is part of the Pineview Estates Subdivision. The lot is stable, vegetated and not within 100ft of any wetlands. The applicant only wants to be released from the subdivision’s Order of Conditions. L. Connolly recommended release. J. Babineau motion to issue a Partial Certificate of Completion, E. Knight seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (6:0).
- New Business – There was no new business.
- Holland Glen II Conservation Area Update – The warrant article for Holland Glen II passed with a unanimous vote at Town Meeting. L. Connolly applied to the CPA committee, pending town meeting vote, for $70K. L. Connolly will also be working with Field’s Pond Foundation (20K) and the Kestrel Land Trust for additional funding.
- ANR Plan – Rockrimmon St., Adam Hennessey & Jessica Giancola, owners – The Commission reviewed the ANR plan and a standard letter will be sent to the applicant.
- Forest Cutting Plans – 3 Barrett St., John & Karen Sansoucy, owners; Blue Meadow Rd. Amendment, Joanna & Alan Page, owner; Blue Meadow Rd., DCR, owner. The Commission will review these forest cutting plans at the next meeting on April 11th.

8:40 PM E. Knight motioned to adjourn, M. Cavatorta seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (6:0).

NEXT MEETING Monday, April 11, 2016