CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
Monday July 10, 2017 Town Hall, Room 101, 7:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

Chairman David Haines called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Present were Commissioners: Jon Clements, Edward Knight, John Henry and Nicholas Burns were present for the meeting. Commissioners Eric Wojtowicz and Mike Cavatora were not present for the meeting. LeeAnne Connolly, Conservation Administrator, was present for the meeting. Conservation Clerk, Michele Nowak was present for the meeting. Associate member Linda Leduc was not present for the meeting.

7:05 Notice of Intent, Cont. – Harris Way, stormwater management, DEP #104-1013, Map 230, Lot #31.00, Universal Forest Products, applicant. Ryan Paul of Environmental Partners Group, was present representing the applicant. He’s the engineer working with United Forest Products. D. Haires conducted the site visit. The proposed work is the improvement of the earthen berm that they already have on the southwest side of the property. The applicant wants to extend the current berm to compensate for larger storms and redesign it with the use of gravel and riprap; it’s going to be porous. The new berm will be 3 ft. at its deepest point and will be at the same elevation at 318 ft. The proposed project does not include any new impervious areas. This work is considered re-development. The Commission spoke to representatives of the applicant on the site visit where they were assured that snow removal will not go past the berm. The Commission reviewed the original plans and dense grade stone will be used with the riprap to make the berm and will use filter fabric around the toe, within the riprap area. The Commission requested an upgrade to the silt fence and hay bales, and that the silt fence extends on to the back side prior to the commencement of any work. The applicant agreed. J. Clements motioned to issue an Order of Conditions, N. Burns seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (4:0).

7:25 Notice of Intent – Federal St., house construction, DEP #104-1010, Map 216, Lot #112.00, Mike Henry, applicant. The applicant was present for the meeting. Don Frydryk, professional engineer from Sherman and Frydryk was present to represent the applicant. J. Henry conducted the site visit and noticed there are significant trees on the property (huge pine tree, and double cak) and would like to see the trees preserved if possible. The proposed work is for a single family house. This lot was created prior to August 7, 1996 so the alternative analysis is limited to this lot. The applicant will reduce the size of the lawn. No work is allowed within 165 ft. from the Bank of Scarborough Brook as shown on the plan. The applicant will alter 3,820 sq. ft. of Riverfront Area and the applicant will place a Deed Restriction on this lot stating that no additional work will be allowed within the Riverfront Area of Scarborough Brook for this lot. There is no work in Flood Plain. The Commission questioned the removal of trees in the River Resource Area and was informed that only one tree by the septic will be removed because it’s rotted. J. Clements motioned to issue an Order of Conditions upon receipt of a revised plan by the Commission, E. Knight seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5:0).

7:30 Commissioner Ed Knight arrived.
Notice of Intent, Cont. – Front St., utility, drainage and sewer installation, DEP #104-1012, Belchertown State school, Belchertown DPW, applicant. Steve Williams from DPW was present for the meeting. Jean Christy, environmental scientist from Tighe and Bond was present. Comments from Fuss & O’Neil were received and reviewed by the Commission. This project involves the installation of a sanitary sewer, water, storm drainage system, electric and communication utilities for the re-development for the Belchertown State School, Phase II on Front St. This work will also include the reconstruction of approximately 1,200 ft. of roadway extension leading to Christopher Heights. The report included comments from Dan Delaney, engineer from Tighe & Bond and an e-mail with comments from Mark Stinson, from DEP, were also reviewed. Two thirds of the detention basin is under existing roadway. The Commission discussed Test Pit results. A proposed planting mix plan was submitted to the Commission in an email from July 7th. The Commission received the Spec Sheet. There will be limited annual mowing in the fall. Any woody growth/trees will be removed by hand. J. Christy presented the updated stormwater handling for a 2 yr. storm event, a 25 yr. event and a 100 yr. event. Once there is full buildup, the basin will be able to handle it. E. Knight motioned to issue an Order of Conditions, J. Clement seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5:0).

Notice of Intent – 11 Emily Lane, lawn in the Riverfront Area, DEP #104-1, Map 240, Lot #55.00, JP Builders Inc., applicant. Dan Nitzsche was present representing the applicant. There is no DEP #. There was an Enforcement Order on this property issued on May 9, 2017. The proposed new work is for expanding the lawn on an existing lot to allow a bigger sized back yard. Plans were presented to the Commission showing 8,900 sq. ft. for a back yard. An Alternatives Analysis was done and presented to the Commission. The Commission was informed that the lot was seeded per the Enforcement Order and the lot has been stabilized; there is no exposed earth on the property. It was noted that there is an existing silt fence. DEP has concerns for work in the Riverfront Area. J. Clements motioned to continue to the July 26, 2017 meeting at 8:10 PM, with the applicant’s permission, N. Burns seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5:0).

Request for Determination – 23 Lake Dr., step replacement, Map 102, Lot #84.00, Jay Holtzman, applicant. The applicant was present for the meeting as well as the stone worker engineer. J. Clements conducted the site visit and noted the lot is stable. In 1998 the applicant renovated the house and went through the Conservation Commission. The proposed new work is for installation of a series of six 4ft. x 4ft. steps; to remove the dirt and replace it with stone. All work will be done by hand, no equipment will be used, and Goshen stone will be used to replace the dirt. The work will start at the bottom step and erosion controls will be placed. The Commission requested that the applicant double up on erosion controls. The stone worker for the applicant informed the Commission that the proposed work would take 2-3 days to complete. J. Clements motioned to issue a Negative Determination, J. Henry seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5:0).
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8:25 Notice of Intent, Cont. – Boardman St., house construction, DEP #104-1009, Map 252, Lot #73.10, Jeff Marion, applicant. The applicant was present for the meeting. Alan Weiss was present representing the applicant. The Commission was informed that all proposed work will be under 10,000 sq. ft. so they no longer need a Stormwater Permit. The Commission was also informed that the lot was created from Pepin’s ANR for the original estate about 1-2 years ago. The lot was also perked, filed as ANR, and the applicant bought it. The rest of the property was subdivided. There is no other location for the well. The well installation will be at the 25 ft.Buffer from the wetland and will be allowed to regrow naturally, since there is no other placement alternative. There will be no change in grade and the limit of work will be 35 ft. from the wetland. There will be a double row of silt fence and as a permanent marker it was recommended that a split rail fence be installed. J. Clements motioned to issue an Order of Conditions, E. Knight seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5:0).

8:35 Request for Determination, Cont. – 111 Channel Dr., shed construction, Map 101, Lot #39.20, Gary Mescon, applicant. The applicants were present for the meeting. This filing is for the installation of a 12 ft. by 24 ft. shed to an existing single-family house, within 100 ft. of the Bank of Holland Pond. New plans were presented to the Commission as well as pictures of the property. J. Clements conducted the site visit. The limit of work is 82 ft. from Holland Pond, which is located across the street on Channel Dr. A narrative was presented to the Commission. There will be a 4-5 ft. retaining wall behind the shed and the applicant proposed to dig 10 feet into the existing slope. The shed will be near the telephone pole which is 12 – 15 ft. from Channel Drive. Erosion controls will be used to protect the drainage ditch. Hay bales will also need to be installed by the Lake side of the road. Put Silt Fence or Hay bales in front of the Swale. E. Knight motioned J. Clements seconded. Motion passed unanimously (5:0).

8:50 Notice of Intent, Cont. – 67 Metacomet St., stairway installation, DEP #104-1011, Map 103, Lot #51.00, Jung Lee, applicant. The applicant was present for the meeting. Don Frydryk from Sherman & Frydryk was present representing the applicant. The old concrete steps will be removed and granite steps and a hand-rail will be installed. No work will be conducted within Lake Metacomet. All work will be done by hand. This permit is for the installation of the stairway only. No dock installation is permitted under this OOC. A revised plan has been submitted to the Commission and it now shows the silt fence/silt sock which will be at the base. A jack hammer will be used to break apart the old steps and the material will be hand carried out. Pictures were presented to the Commission. Riprap will be used with 2-3 inch stone. The silt fence is shown to be on the edge of the lake. No trees will be cut for this work. J. Clements motioned to issue an Order of Conditions, J. Henry seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5:0).

Discussion Items: Bills – The Commission Voted unanimously, (5:0) to pay the bills.
• Minutes - The Commission voted unanimously, (5:0) to approve the draft minutes for the 6/26/17 meeting as amended.
• Miscellaneous Matters – There were no miscellaneous matters.
Discussion Items: Cont.

- Catherine Dr. Open Space Site Visit - The Commission discussed various times. L. Connolly will email the Commission where to meet on July 17th at 4PM.
- ANR Plan – Jackson St., Gary Demers, owner. The Commission reviewed the ANR plan and a standard letter will be sent to the applicant.
- ANR Plan - Michael Sears Rd., Brian Kruse, owner. The Commission reviewed the ANR plan and a standard letter will be sent to the applicant.
- ANR Plan - South Washington St., LJ Development LLC, owner. The Commission reviewed the ANR plan and a standard letter will be sent to the applicant.

9:05 PM E. Knight motioned to adjourn, J. Henry seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5:0).

NEXT MEETING Monday, July 24, 2017