

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
4TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
6/23/16**



Present: Tony George, Lionel Cloutier, Garrett Davieau, Kyle Bradley & David Koonce

Absent: David Whitaker

DOCUMENTS & EXHIBITS

485 School St.- plans

771 Teel Rd - plans

54 Pinewood Dr. - pictures & plans

296 Beachview Dr. - plans & pictures

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Kyle Bradley made a motion, 2nd by Lionel Cloutier - **vote** unanimously approved the minutes of 5/26/16.

Kyle Bradley made a motion, 2nd by Tony George - **vote** unanimously approved to pay the secretary.

Kyle Bradley made a motion, 2nd by Lionel Cloutier - **vote** unanimously approved to sign the Certificate of Compliance subject to site inspection by agent Koonce.

HEARING

7:05 P.M. RDA, 485 School St. Garrett Davieau, Pre-construction of a garden shed
Todd Manuel represented the applicant.

Garrett Davieau recused himself and left the room.

The project entails the placement of a 7'11" x 10'2" pre-construction garden shed on cement blocks.

The shed is 65-75' from the wetland. Crushed stone will be used for the roof run-off. Agent Koonce will include roof run-off in the Order of Conditions. Lionel Cloutier made a motion, 2nd by Kyle Bradley - **vote** unanimously approved a Negative Determination.

Garrett Davieau returned to the hearings.

7:10 P.M. RDA, 771 Teel Rd., Lillian Nutting, replacement of an existing retaining wall
No one was present

The project entails the replacement of an existing deteriorated timber retaining wall that borders the vegetated wetlands. The wall extends toward the driveway and is above the grade. The wall needs to be higher than the driveway. The railroad ties have been removed and crushed stone will be used for drainage. Agent Koonce requests the use of hale bales between the work area and the wetlands. He will inspect when completed. He recommends a Negative Determination. Kyle Bradley made a motion, 2nd by Lionel Cloutier - **vote** unanimously approved a Negative Determination.

7:15 P.M. NOI, 54 Pinewood Dr., Robert VanDyke, construction of a new home and repair of a slope
The applicant, Robert VanDyke was present.

The project entails the construction of a new single-family house, and repair and re-grading of the existing excavated slope adjacent to the Isolated Wetland. Agent Koonce stated "under the local By-Law it was not jurisdictional, but did fall under the Wetland Protection Act." Drainage for the lot was pointed out by Mr. VanDyke. He explained how the lot was a highly disturbed sand pit. He wants to stabilize the slope and all

disturbed areas with loam and seed. The house satisfies the 75' set back. Tony George asked about violations (piles of fill) that needed to be addressed & corrected. Agent Koonce stated all violations that were pointed out have been addressed or are in the process of being worked on. Progress has been made. Mr. VanDyke clarified the wetland vegetation established itself over 4 years. The Army Corp of Engineers has done a site visit. Man-made wetland was filled in as per permission of the Conservation Commission. The hearing must be continued. The Certified Abutter list needs to be submitted. Agent Koonce will do another site visit to check on the progress. Lionel Cloutier made a motion, 2nd by Kyle Bradley - **vote** unanimously approved to continue the hearing until the July 28, 2016 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Violations:

Spring Place - Violation of tree cutting in the buffer zone 5-6 weeks ago. The wetlands would be delineated and a notice will be filed. Mr. VanDyke felt he was allowed to cut 50% of basal area in the wetlands. Agent Koonce stated there is an exemption in the wetland Protection Act that cutting is allowed for your own use for 50% of crown cover without notifying the Commission of cutting.

78 Hale Street - Put up swings and dug a fire pit - no RDA has been filed. Lionel Cloutier will check out.

42 Alger St. - Has brought in crushed stone by the wetlands and has not come before the Commission. The driveway has been relocated. A filing was done 10-12 years ago to replace a septic system. He needs to do another filing.

15 Jameson Way - He was asked to remove rock, stubs & trees out of the 100' buffer zone. All debris was dumped in the 100' buffer zone on the back side of his property. He is currently applying for a building permit to build a garage. This could be addressed before the board.

96 Harrisville Circle - A temporary shed sits off the ground on timbers with a tarp cover. Unknown what is being stored. It is too close to the wetlands. Agent Koonce will contact him.

60 Franklin St. - Asphalt shingles have been dumped, buried and pushed toward the stream by the railroad tracks within the 100' buffer zone. He needs to be notified they are in violation. Agent Koonce will create an Enforcement Order that will be sent certified. Lionel Cloutier made a motion 2nd by Kyle Bradley - **vote** unanimously approved to issue an Enforcement Order. Garrett Davieau will get it mail. Lionel Cloutier will supply the information.

41 Royalston Rd. North - An Enforcement Order was issued about 1 yr. ago for storage & dumping junk. Lionel Cloutier witnessed the material being removed. Agent Koonce needs to verify. He did not have a chance to re-issue the Enforcement Order.

NEW BUSINESS

Noel Vielleux - Proposed deck at 302 Spring St. (River's Edge Restaurant)

Only 6 holes would be disturbed for piers. Agent Koonce suggests erosion control by putting hay bales on 2 sides and the edge of the parking lot. An RDA needs to be filed. The Commission will authorize Agent Koonce to sign the Building Permit. The project may be started. Lionel Cloutier made a motion, 2nd by Tony George - **vote** unanimously approved Agent Koonce to sign off on the Building Permit.

John Rice - Proposed well and deck at 296 Beachview Drive

Contractor, David Perry did the title 5 that passed. He will cap the old well because it is too close to the septic to be compliant and put in a new well on site. He will use double stake hay bales across the street and by the driveway. He will loam and seed all disturbed areas. The hearing is scheduled for July 28, 2016. Lionel Cloutier made a motion, 2nd by Kyle Bradley - **vote** unanimously approved to proceed with the deck & well with the erosion control.

Vote to appoint a member of the Conservation Commission to the Appraisal Review Committee

A grant was received for the Land Conservation Project. A fund of \$10,000 was set up to loan money to home owners for the appraisal on the properties. The Committee reviews the applicants. A new Conservation member needs to be appointed to this committee. It would entail 1 or 2 meetings. Tony George made a motion, 2nd by Lionel Cloutier - **vote** unanimously approved to nominate Kyle Bradley to fill the position. Agent Koonce needs to confirm the funds are available.

Conservation Commission policies, practices and procedures.

Tony George handed out a revised list for the Commission to take home and review. Lionel Cloutier suggested that any person who has a violation against them would not be issued a permit. Garrett agrees that this needs to be addressed. He felt that the Commission should focus their energy on fees not fines. It needs to be an agenda item. Agent Koonce stated that it will require a public hearing and a public hearing with the Board of Selectmen. This could be addressed possibly the end of summer when the hearings slow down.

ADJOURNMENT

Kyle Bradley made a motion, 2nd by Lionel Cloutier - **vote** unanimously approved to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Patty Driscoll, secretary

Garrett Davieau

Lionel Cloutier

Kyle Bradley

Tony George