

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
2ND FLOOR AUDITORIUM
1/26/17



Present: Garrett Davieau, David Whitaker, Kyle Bradley and David Koonce

Absent: Tony George and Lionel Cloutier

DOCUMENTS & EXHIBITS

261 High St. - plans

760 River St. - plan for paddock & description of work sequence

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman, Garrett Davieau.

HEARING:

7:05 p.m. RDA, 261 High St., David Romanowski, cutting & removal of trees & vegetation
David Romanowski and John Walker were present.

The project entails the cutting and removal of approximately 200 dead and dying red pine trees and also invasive vegetation, followed by restoration of the affected area through re-planting with suitable native species. A contractor friend will do the work using a small tractor. The stumps will be removed at a later time. It was recommended to cut the trees after a freeze. Agent Koonce was looking for a vegetation species list. The applicant had not yet put it together. Kyle Bradley made a motion, 2nd by David Whitaker - **vote** unanimously approved a Negative Determination with conditions to do the work on frozen ground. Contact Agent Koonce for an inspection once the work is complete.

7:10 p.m. NOI (Continued), Gardner Rd. Map 9 Lots 106 & 62, Jameson Van Dyke, Construction of a new road & drainage infrastructure to server 3 proposed industrial lots.

Kyle Bradley made a motion, 2nd by David Whitaker - **vote** unanimously approves to continue the hearing to 2/23/17.

7:15 p.m. NOI, 760 River St, Roger LeBlanc, removal of debris followed by grading, loaming & seeding
Roger LeBlanc and John Walker were present.

The project entails removal of junk, trash and debris, followed by re-grading, loaming and seeding of disturbed areas. In addition, re-location of an existing drainage swale and development of a pony paddock. The wetland flagging was postponed. Some loam and trees were removed to level out the paddock area. The paddock area has good drainage. The manure will be covered to protect it from rain. John Walker handed out and read the sequence of work to be done on the paddock. Chairman, Garrett Davieau had concerns on the time line. The applicant wants to have work done by spring. Agent Koonce stated that loam, seed and grass needs to be planted in the disturbed areas and the work needs to be more than 50' away from the wetlands. The applicant proposes to use a stone basin to catch water from going into the wetland. He plans on removing the top soil from the paddock area, insert sand fill and replace the top soil back on the sand fill. He will install silt fence that will be dug down 6". The pony closure will be pre-built and movable. Agent Koonce requests a new set of plans. Work cannot begin until the Order of Conditions is received.

Kyle Bradley made a motion, 2nd by David Whitaker - **vote** unanimously approved to close the hearing.

Kyle Bradley made a motion, 2nd by David Whitaker - **vote** unanimously approved a favorable Order of Conditions.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Kyle Bradley made a motion, 2nd by David Whitaker - **vote** unanimously approved the minutes of October 20 and October 27, 2016.

Certificate of Compliance - (196 Glenallen St.) Agent Koonce gave an update on the status. The gas cans and the tires have been removed. David must do a site visit to verify the removal. He asks the Commission to approve provisionally. David Whitaker made a motion, 2nd by Kyle Bradley - **vote** unanimously approved the Order of Conditions for 196 Glenallen St. provisionally upon Agent Koonce's site visit.

DISCUSSION

Hillview Business Park - Partial Certificate of Compliance

The Town is the original applicant. There are two components: the driveway access is private and the public component is the completed road. The Town Manager has requested a partial Certificate of Compliance on the town side. The Order of Conditions has expired.

Kyle Bradley made a motion, 2nd by David Whitaker - **vote** unanimously approved a partial Certificate of Compliance.

MACC Letter to Governor Baker

Agent Koonce is proposing the Conservation Commission sign-on in favor of the MACC letter to Massachusetts Governor Baker regarding construction of a new interstate natural gas pipeline.

David Whitaker made a motion, 2nd by Kyle Bradley - **vote** unanimously approved to sign and send the letter.

MACC 2017 Annual Environmental Conference

Agent Koonce is asking the Conservation Commission if they would like to attend the MACC 2017 Annual Environmental Conference on the 1st Saturday in March. David passed out registration forms that need to be returned as soon as possible if they are interested in attending.

March Mont needs to be re-inspected. David Whitaker volunteered to walk the grounds

Joint Meeting with the Board of Selectmen


The joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Monday, February 13, 2017. Agent Koonce requests that Chairman, Garrett Davieau have an informal conversation with the Town Manager to explain what the Commission wants to have in place before the construction season begins. They would be talking about the fee structure only. This would not be a hearing.

ADJOURNMENT


Kyle Bradley made a motion, 2nd by David Whitaker - **vote** unanimously approved to adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Driscoll, Secretary


Garrett Davieau


Kyle Bradley


David Whitaker