

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
4th Floor - Conference Room
6/22/17

Present: David Whitaker, Lionel Cloutier, Tony George and David Koonce

Absent: Garrett Davieau and Kyle Bradley

DOCUMENTS & EXHIBITS

465 Mellen Rd. - plans

75 First St. - plans, pictures

175 Beachview Dr. - plans

Acting Chairman, Lionel Cloutier opened the meeting at 7 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

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

David Whitaker made a motion, 2nd by Tony George - **vote** unanimously approved to accept the minutes of May 25, 2017.

Agent Koonce presented Order of Conditions (345-0639) from the 5/26/16 meeting for 212 Mill Glen Rd. that needs the Commission signature.

HEARING

7:05 p.m. RDA, 465 Mellen Rd., Kenneth & Sharon MacNeil, Relocation of Driveway Access
Andre Aho, ATA Constuction, represented the applicants.

(Lionel Cloutier made a disclosure about knowing the applicant.)

The project entails the relocation of driveway access to reduce the amount of permanent wetland alteration, and request for waivers to the Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw no-build and no disturb setbacks. Mr. Aho is requesting an amendment to the Order of Conditions changing the route of the wetland crossing to get to lot 9 by crossing the rear of lot 10. This would allow them to build on both lots. The shared driveway is required by Planning Regulations. Agent Koonce asked if the reduction in wetland filling complies with the setbacks for a waiver approval. The hearing cannot be closed tonight. The wetland needs to be flagged. Since the driveway is shared with lot 9 and 10 a waiver is needed for the driveway. The current plans show the garage underneath the house. Previous plans showed a detached garage. They are reducing the total footprint on the house. This is an equivalent disturbance area that saves 2,000 square feet of wetlands. Agent Koonce stated the Order of Conditions will say we need a wetland replication plan for the crossing. The 2nd house will be built later. The wetland line needs to be verified by a 3rd party at the applicant's expense. Mr. Aho will ask John Walker. David Whitaker made a motion, 2nd by Tony George - **vote** unanimously approved to continue the hearing to July 13, 2017.

7:20 p.m. RDA, 75 First St., Travis & Karen Drudi, Repair/Upgrade Septic System
John Deline, Deline Engineering, represented the applicant.

The project entails the repair/upgrade to meet Title 5 requirements of a failing septic system serving an existing 2-bedroom house. The leach field is pushed to the property line by the roadway. It is a gravity fed system. Since the trees are a hazard, they need to be cut. They are grown in over the camp. There is a concern the trees could come down. A crane will be used to cut the trees by the water. Since the hill will act as a barrier, no erosion control is needed. Agent Koonce recommends a Negative Determination. David Whitaker made a motion, 2nd by Tony George - **vote** unanimously approved a Negative Determination.

OLD BUSINESS

Jameson VanDyke - Issue Order of Conditions for 345-0641 and/or file Amended Notice of Intent - (Route 140 Project)

No one was present at the meeting. The hearing was closed. A vote was needed to issue the Order of Conditions. The acceleration lane was not approved. David Koonce issued a denial. The impact to the wetlands is too much for this project. Two members agreed. David Whitaker made a motion, to issue the Order of Conditions for the subdivision road but it was not seconded.

176 Beachview Dr. - Jennifer Couture - Redo work at boathouse.

Jennifer Couture is requesting an amendment to the RDA of the May 25, 2017 meeting. She would like to repair and replace the existing retaining walls on the lake side. They have slide down the hill. Waddles would be inserted for erosion control on the 2nd level of retaining wall. She would also like to build a deck 8 ½' by 14' that is 18-20 feet from the water. The footings for the deck would be no deeper than 4'. Agent Koonce had a concern for water run-off from bare ground. She is planning on using crushed stone for erosion control. Agent Koonce wants to meet with the contractor on site. He requests the contractor contact him for a meeting. Tony George made a motion, 2nd by David Whitaker - **vote** unanimously approved to allow an Amendment to the original RDA with the stipulation that David will meet with the contractor.

NEW BUSINESS

Dan Tenny, 5 Fourth St., Proposed Construction

(Tony George made a disclosure that he and Mr. Tenny worked at the same place.)

Mr. Tenny proposes construction of a house within 20' of the water retaining wall. He would like to replace/repair the foundation within the same footprint. Erosion Control is needed. No filling is required. Agent Koonce needs to meet on site with the contractor and the owner. A meeting is scheduled on June 29, 2017 at 1 p.m. Tony George made a motion, 2nd by David Whitaker - **vote** unanimously approved the project subject to David's approval at the site.

Vote to endorse Winchendon Town Forest Baseline Documentation Report done by Anne Capra of the Conservation Works, LLC. David Whitaker made a motion, 2nd by Tony George, - **vote** unanimously approved the reimbursement of the grant program.

Nate Shroeder, owner of 106 Elmwood Road requested an earlier meeting than the Commission regular schedule meeting of July 27th. The Commission had previously voted to hold a meeting on July 13.

ADJOURNMENT

David Whitaker made a motion, 2nd by Tony George - **vote** unanimously approved to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Driscoll, Secretary


Lionel Cloutier


Tony George


David Whitaker