

05/02/19

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
2nd Floor Auditorium
4/11/19

Present: Garrett Davieau, David Whitaker, Tony George

Absent: Kyle Bradley

DOCUMENTS & EXHIBITS

School St. - plans

155 Mill Cr. - plans

41 Hale St. - plans

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Davieau called the meeting to order @ 7 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Tony George made a motion, 2nd by David Whitaker - **VOTE** - unanimously approved the minutes of 3/14/19.

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

Tony George made a motion, 2nd by David Whitaker - **VOTE** - unanimously approved the Order of Conditions for 329 West St., 212 Mill Glen Rd. and 470 School St. re-issued due to the agreement not referenced.

HEARING

7:05 p.m. Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (cont'd), 800 & 900 Spring St., New England Auto & Truck Recyclers, Confirmation of Wetland Resource Area Boundaries

Since the applicant and the Commission's consultants were not available, they are asking for a continuance.

David Whitaker made a motion, 2nd by Tony George - **VOTE** - unanimously approved to continue the hearing to May 2, 2019.

7:15 p.m. (NOI), Notice of Intent, School St. Assessor's Map 2, Lot 95, Christopher Gagnon, Construction of a One Story Building Paul Grasewicz, Graz Engineering represented the applicant.

The applicant's consultant, Paul Grasewicz and the Commission's consultant, Wes Flis of Whitman & Bingham reviewed the plans and made adjustments. The applicant is asking for more useful space. It was determined that the site needs to be paved due to the higher pollutant for grease. Agent Koonce suggested a limit to the number of vehicles at the site. Agent Koonce would like to get DEP's perspective. Tony George stated he is in favor of limiting the number of vehicles on the property and a 10' detention basin is acceptable. Tony George made a motion, 2nd by David Whitaker - **VOTE** - unanimously approved to continue the meeting to May 2, 2019.

7:20 p.m. (NOI), Notice of Intent, 155 Mill Circle, The Mill Farm Initiative, Decommissioning the Whites Mill Pond Dam and the restoration of a portion of the North Branch of the Miller's River, Construction of a one-story building associated septic system driveway access, parking, storm water management infrastructure grading, and landscaping
Chad Cox, GZA, Geo Environmental, Inc. represented the applicant

Tony George made a disclosure of a possible conflict of interest. His son worked for GZA at one time. The project entail the decommissioning the White Mill Pond Dam. It is a high hazard dam in poor condition. Chad Cox stated many concerns: water seeping under the foundation, a tree may fall; the masonry wall is bulging at the spillway. Since the spillway has not been opened in many years, there is a concern that if it was opened, they could not close it. First they would like to open the spillway at Briny Pond during the summer. Stone would be used to stabilize the area and execute a small channel for natural flow. Sandy Bassler, an abutter expressed a concern that it would turn into a swamp. Excavation will be done. Some sediment does migrate downstream. Agent Koonce asked about the impact on wells. Mr. Cox does not feel they will be affected. Concerns were expressed about the drawdown and the wildlife preservation. The meeting needs to be continued to May 2, at 7:25 for the Peer Review Report. The dam is privately owned. The state rated the dam unsafe. The owner will apply for grant money to decommission the dam. Tony George made a motion, 2nd by David Whitaker - **VOTE** - unanimously approved to continue the meeting to May 2, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Violation at 291 Glenallen Street

The Constable made several attempts to deliver the citation. He finally left the citation. There was a discussion on how to move forward with this violation. Town Council's recommendation is to collect the fine.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on proposed location of a garage at 41 Hale Street.

The applicant is asking for a variance. Plans were handed out showing wetlands to the right of the proposed garage. Agent Koonce did a site visit last fall. When checking again, he saw an area of ice that would be close to the corner of the proposed garage. Agent Koonce recommends he file an (RDA) Request for Determination so they could get started and recommends erosion control with double staked hay bales and crushed stone around the garage and a dripline on the side of the wetlands to catch the rain runoff. Agent Koonce will inspect the erosion control before digging begins. Tony George made a motion, 2nd by David Whitaker - **VOTE** - to allow Agent Koonce to sign the Building Permit.

470 School St. - Clear Cutting Riverfront Area

A Certificate of Compliance was issued in 2011 and was recorded at the registry. The attorney interrupted the sale and is asking for another Certificate of Compliance issued for the property. Tony George made a motion, 2nd by David Whitaker - **VOTE**- unanimously approved to issue a 2nd Certificate of Compliance for 470 School St.

Winchendon Community Park - Ingleside Utilization Committee

The Committee wants additional access. They are requesting an exit road off of Maple St. The work will be done by the Winchendon Department of Public Works. Hay bales will be needed for erosion control. David Whitaker made a motion, 2nd by Tony George - **VOTE** - unanimously approved to allow the DPW to make an access road.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Driscoll, Secretary



Garrett Davieau



David Whitaker



Tony George