

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM  
4/28/16**



**Present:** Garrett Davieau, Tony George, Kyle Bradley, Lionel Cloutier and David Koonce  
**Absent:** David Whitaker

**DOCUMENTS & EXHIBITS**

Pictures - 330 Beachview Dr.  
Plans - 6 Hillside Dr.  
Abutter Notification & Plans - 760 River St.  
Plans & Addendum - 2 Bruce Rd.  
Photos from I-pad - 78 Hale St.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

Lionel Cloutier made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kyle Bradley - **vote** unanimously approved the minutes of 3/24/16 and 3/10/16.  
Kyle Bradley made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony George - **vote** unanimously approved to pay the secretary.

**HEARING**

**7:05 p.m. RDA, 330 Beachview Dr., Kirk Quinn, Construction of a Stone Block Retaining Wall Applicant, Kirk Quinn and his contractor Keith were present.**

The project entails the construction of a new stone block retaining wall in front of, and adjacent to, an existing severely deteriorated stone retaining wall; and the removal of buried railroad ties. The new wall will be constructed in front of the existing wall. Digging will be done by hand. Crushed stone will be used for drainage. The wall will have drainage outlets every 8 to 10 feet. The railroad ties will be removed. Kyle Bradley made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lionel Cloutier - **vote** unanimously approved a Negative Determination with conditions.

**7:10 p.m. RDA, 291 Rice Rd, James Watts  
The Applicant has withdrawn this filing**

**7:15 p.m. NOI, 6 Hillside Dr., Joseph Interrante, Construction of a 864' Garage with Foundation Applicant, Joseph Interrante & Engineer Joseph Marquedant was present.**

The project entails the construction of an 864 square-foot (24' x 36') garage with foundation, associated grading, and landscaping. Construction of the garage and driveway is near the 50' buffer zone. Crushed stone will be used for the driveway. The timber wall and shed will be removed. The area will be regraded and stabilized with seed mix. The slope will go back to its natural state. A crushed stone apron will be used around the garage for drainage. As a reminder to not go into the 50' buffer zone, the engineer recommended the use of a sign post stating the area is environmentally sensitive. Agent Koonce requests the plans be revised to show the changes. Kyle Bradley made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lionel Cloutier - **vote** unanimously approved to close the hearing.

Kyle Bradley made a motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lionel Cloutier - **vote** unanimously approved a Favorable Order of Conditions. Agent Koonce requests the 4 corners of the property be staked and to give him a call when ready for erosion control inspection.

**7:20 p.m. NOI, 760 River St., Roger Leblanc, Removal of Junk, Regrading, Seeding, Relocation of drainage Swale and Development of Pony Paddock**  
**Applicant, Roger LeBlanc and John Walker, Environmental Technology were present.**

The project entails the removal of junk/trash/debris, followed by re-grading, loaming, and seeding of disturbed areas. In addition, the relocation of an existing drainage swale and the development of a pony paddock. Rubble & scrap metal will be removed (85% has already been removed). The area will be regraded and seeded. Agent Koonce requests the barn be added to the plans. The manure needs to be out of the buffer zone and a plan for removal needs to be in place. Agent Koonce wants to verify the restoration has been completed. The Commission would like to do a site visit to verify all debris, junk and stumps have been removed out of the 50' no disturb zone. A site visit is scheduled for Monday, May 9, 2016 at 11 AM. The hearing will be continued. John Walker requests that the conditions are stated very clearly in the Order of Conditions. The owner has marked the relocation of the drainage swale. This will be an improvement. The drainage swale must be maintained. A manure maintenance plan must be in writing. The plans need to show where the manure will be stored and covered. Kyle Bradley made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony George - **vote** unanimously approved to continue the hearing to May 26, 2016. No abutters were present.

**7:30 p.m. NOI (con'd), (after the-fact filing) 2 Bruce Rd., Robert Paine, Construction of a Deck & Retaining Wall**  
**Applicant, Robert Paine and John Walker, Environmental Technology was present.**

The project entails the construction of a 576 square-foot deck and associated 130 foot long pre-cast concrete block retaining wall. The existing planks and rails have been removed. The materials will be backed in on a trailer. There was a discussion on the location of the steps. It was decided to locate them at the end of the landing parallel to the retaining wall. Agent Koonce needs a revised plan showing the location of the steps. Kyle Bradley made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lionel Cloutier - **vote** unanimously approved to close the hearing. Kyle Bradley made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony George - **vote** unanimously approved a Favorable Order of Condition.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **DISCUSSION - Demolition and re-construction of the Winchendon School Headmaster's residence garage.**

John Lahey represented the Winchendon School along with John Walker who flagged the wetlands. Crushed stone will be used at the corners of the garage for water overflow from the roof runoff. John Walker recommends removal of the tree stumps and the planting of wild flowers. Erosion control is needed. Agent Koonce will need to inspect. The plans need to show the wetlands and the ditch. Asbuilt plans need to be submitted after the garage is constructed.

##### **DISCUSSION - Jeff Priest - Proposed fire pit and swings at 78 Hale Street.**

The work was done without permission. Mr. Priest was unaware of the regulations. The fire pit is 10-15 feet from the wetlands. Agent Koonce and Mr. Priest measured out the 100' area with 50' in the no disturb zone. Yard clippings will be used by the wetland outside of the buffer zone. The posts for the

swings are in concrete and the base is in stone. Sod will be used as a barrier leading down to the wetlands as a natural berm. A Request for Determination should be filed with litter control and clean up included in the Order of Conditions. The Commission will allow the swings to be put up but no further work on the fire pit.

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE - 460 Teel Road.**

This project goes back 9 years. Agent Koonce did an inspection today. The shed is on blocks 40-60' from the wetlands. Agent Koonce recommends the Certificate of Compliance be issued as long as the junk is cleaned up. Kyle Bradley made a motion, second by Lionel Cloutier - **vote** unanimously approved issuing the Certificate of Compliance.

**BUFFER ZONE VIOLATION - Spring Place**

Several dozen trees cut in the river front area and in the 50' no disturb area. Agent Koonce told the owner, Mr. Van Dyke, that he cannot do any more work.

Kyle Bradley left the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

**DISCUSSION - Conservation By-Laws and Changes to the Filing Fees and Fines.**

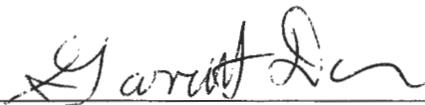
It was discussed to have a different filing fee structure for after the fact filings. Suggestions were made on how to educate the public when work is done on their property when wetlands are present. It will be an agenda item for Commission members to come to the next couples of meetings with ideas on how to hold people accountable.

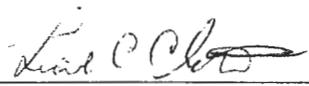
It was questioned if the Town By-Law allows the Conservation Commission to issue fees or fines. Agent Koonce proposes a filing fee schedule. This will be tabled for now.

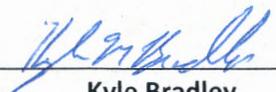
**ADJOURNMENT**

Lionel Cloutier made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony George - **vote** unanimously approved to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by  
Patty Driscoll, secretary

  
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