

Minutes of the Conservation Commission
January 22, 2007

Present: LD: Lorraine DeSouza, Chairman AJ: Arthur Johanningsmeier
 CP: Christopher Picone CL: Catherine Laramie
 MH: Michael Horgan, Associate GH: Gary Howland (arrived at 9:20PM)
 LC: Lori Capone, Conservation Agent

7:35 LD opened the Meeting

7:36 **Joan S. and Glenn J. Hathaway – 92 Kelton Road – Notice of Intent:** (Map 33, Parcel 29) Proposed construction of a wetland crossing for a driveway to a single family house. Christopher Mossman of Trowbridge Engineering and Glen Hathaway notified the Commission that the abutters did not have the proper notification and therefore they requested a continuance to the following meeting. Mr. Mossman briefly described the project to the Commission and informed the Commission that the plans are presently being revised to utilize a box culvert for the crossing.

7:45(7:42) **BNE Realty & Development – Geoffrey Evancic – 103 Moore Road, Lot 4A – Notice of Intent:** (Map 66, Parcel 58) Proposed construction of a single family house, associated paved driveway and well within the 100-foot buffer zone. LD opened the Hearing. Michael Scott of Waterman Design and Geoff Evancic of BNE Realty and Development presented the project to the Commission. LD invited abutters to join the discussion. Present were: David and Pat Barron: 22 Log Cabin Road and Mr. Antidormi: 5 Log Cabin Road. Mr. Scott revised the plans to preserve a greater no touch zone from the wetland. Mr. Scott explained that the graded slope for the septic system does not need to be maintained as grass and can be allowed to revert back to native vegetation. Mr. Barron expressed concern about runoff from the site flooding his property. Mr. Scott said runoff from the site should be the same as existing conditions once the site is stabilized. Mr. Barron was also concerned whether the Board of Health has approved the septic design. Mr. Scott said they did get a letter from Board of Health requesting specs on the pump and questioned whether the ANR plan has been recorded, otherwise, they are all set. LD asked for as-built plans for Lots 5, 7, 9 and 11. Mr. Evancic said he will do so when he is ready to request a Certificate of Compliance. Mr. Barron showed pictures of a previous flooding problem (not in relation to the project before the Commission).

AJ: Motion to close the Hearing

LD: 2nd

Unanimous 4-0

LD: Motion to issue an Order of Conditions per plan as presented.

CP: 2nd

Unanimous 4-0

8:00(8:04) **BNE Realty & Development – Geoffrey Evancic – 79 Moore Road, Lot 6 – Notice of Intent:** (Map 66, Parcel 58)(Continued from 1/8/07) Proposed construction of a single family house, paved driveway, septic system, well, and associated grading. A portion of the clearing and grading for the septic system and a retaining wall are located within 100 feet of a wetland. Michael Scott of Waterman Design and Geoff Evancic of BNE Realty and Development were present. Mr. Scott informed the Commission that additional septic testing needed to be performed and requested a continuance.

LD: Motion to continue the Hearing to February 12, 2007 at 7:45PM.

CP: 2nd

Unanimous 4-0

8:15(8:06) **BNE Realty & Development – Geoffrey Evancic – 34 Ellis Road, Lot 2 – Notice of Intent:** (Map 66, Parcel 58) (Continued from 1/8/07) Proposed construction of a single family house, paved driveway, septic system, well, and associated grading. A portion of the site grading and a riprap slope are located within the 100-foot buffer zone. Michael Scott of Waterman Design and Geoff Evancic of BNE Realty and Development presented the project to the Commission. LD asked about the detail on the retaining wall. LD questioned use of silt fence vs. haybales. LD asked about the driveway drainage. LD asked for comments from the Commission and abutters. There were none.

LD: Motion to close the Hearing

CL: 2nd

Unanimous 4-0

CP: Motion to issue an Order of Conditions per plan and discussion.

LD: 2nd

Unanimous 4-0

8:30(8:19) **BNE Realty & Development – Geoffrey Evancic – 6 Ellis Road, Lot 1 – Notice of Intent:** (Map 66, Parcel 58) (Continued from 1/8/07) Proposed construction of a single family house, driveway, well, septic system, retaining wall and associated grading. Portions of the house, driveway, well, septic system and grading are located within the 100-foot buffer zone and within the 200-foot Riverfront Area. Michael Scott of Waterman Design and Geoff Evancic of BNE Realty and Development presented the project to the Commission. LD asked about the tailings associated with the well. Mr. Evancic said he will dig a pit to dispose of the tailings. LC asked for verification on the riverfront impact calculations. Mr. Scott explained that since the subdivision plan has not been recorded, the total riverfront calculation is the entire site, however, the impact calculation is for Lot 1 only. LD asked about floodplain impacts. LC explained the project was not proposing impacts to the floodplain. Mr. Antidormi asked for clarification on riverfront regulations. Mr. Barron expressed concern about flooding and affects to his shallow well.

LD: Motion to close the Hearing

AJ: 2nd

Unanimous 4-0

LD: Motion to issue an Order of Conditions per plan and discussion.

CP: 2nd

Unanimous 4-0

8:45 **Heidi Investment Trust, Heidi Lorden, Trustee – 7 Wood Path – Notice of Intent:** (Map 52, Parcel 78) Replacement of a failed railroad tie retaining wall with a precast concrete block retaining wall and paving of the existing driveway, within the buffer zone. Gary Lorden presented his project to the Commission. Mr. Lorden explained that the creosote railroad ties were disposed of at the Leominster Waste Management. LD asked for abutters comments. Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Steven Gaudet and their attorney, Christine Morrissy Esq. Atty. Morrissy showed the Commission pictures and expressed concern about encroachment of the driveway on Mr. and Mrs. Gaudet's property and the excavation which may contain buried materials. Mr. Lorden agreed to survey the property to ensure the driveway is located on his property and agreed to provide the Commission with the manifest from disposal of the old retaining wall.

LD: Motion to continue the Hearing to February 26, 2007 at 7:30

CP: 2nd

Unanimous 4-0

9:00 **Ashburnham Conservation Commission:** (Continued from 10/23/06 and 11/13/06) The Ashburnham Conservation Commission will conduct a Public Meeting to establish its' Rules and Regulations relating to the Ashburnham Wetlands Protection Bylaw. LC reviewed the engineering review of the Rules and Regulations. LC explained the only outstanding issue is review by Town Counsel.

Other Business:

- ❖ LC disseminated the Annual Report and asked the Commission to provide input.
- ❖ LC notified the Commission that she will be on vacation from March 3 – March 9, 2007
- ❖ GH updated the Commission regarding Bush Hill and Town Meeting
- ❖ LC updated the Commission regarding the Public Safety site.

LD: Motion to adjourn

CP: 2nd

Unanimous 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 10:06PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lori Capone, Conservation Agent