



TOWN OF BRIMFIELD

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MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2015 @ 7:00 PM

Members Present: Roger DeBruyn (Co Chair)
Michele Restino (Co Chair)
Matt Toth
Angela Panaccione (Agent)

Members Absent: Joe Collins
Steve Phifer

Also Present: Steve Bressette, Jalbert Engineering
Michael Koprowski, 48 Third Street

Meeting Opens: 7:24 PM – Roger deBruyn (Co Chair)

7:24 PM Notice of Intent DEP # 117-0349: 84 Champeaux Road (Map 15 Lot B1): Schermerhorn

Notice of Intent (NOI) submitted by Jalbert Engineering, Inc c/o David and Cindy Schermerhorn, for work at 84 Champeaux Rd. Specifically the work will include the construction of a single family house with associated private well and sanitary sewage disposal system. The work will include disturbance to the buffer zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. Roger deBruyn opened the public meeting and representative Steve Bressette, of Jalbert Engineering was present.

At the request of the Commission, Bressette supplied a revised site plan showing the entire lot with a site locus clearly identifying the parcel location and showing property location

The site was originally delineated back in 2006. Most of the work is occurring outside of the buffer zone (BZ), with only the shed and the driveway being within the BZ. The minimum distance to resource areas is 25-feet, and that is from the edge of the driveway. The driveway will be paved and pitched away from resource areas. A detention basin is also proposed to remove sediment from the drive before discharging under the driveway toward the BVW.

Michele Restino questioned the driveway location and inquired why the property owner did not desire to use the existing driveway. Bressette stated the owner wanted to have the driveway come to the house at an angle, through a wooded section of the property. The current access will be removed.

Roger deBruyn recalled investigating this site back in 2006, and having issues with the delineations. Bressette said the current flags are ruminates of the old flags from 2006.

Michele Restino also expressed concern about the erosion that may occur with the 3:1 slope with 6” of mulch. The mulch will wash out over time and the area should be vegetated.

Roger deBruyn inquired about moving the propane tank outside the 100-foot buffer zone. Bresette stated the owner wanted the tank behind the shed in order to leave room for a future swimming pool.

A site visit is tentatively scheduled for Saturday March 21, 2014 at 10am, pending snow melt

Motion made by Michele Restino to continue the hearing until 7:00 PM on Wednesday March 25, 2015 Motion Seconded by Matt Toth

No further discussion – 3-0-0 – Motion Carries

7:52 PM Notice of Intent DEP # 117-0350: Warren Road (Map 2D Lot 4.8) – Michael Koprowski

Notice of Intent (NOI) submitted by Michael Koprowski, for work at Warren Road (Map 2D Lot 4.8) to determine if the work associated with the construction of a driveway in the buffer zone to a Bordering Vegetated Wetland is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act. Roger deBruyn opened the public meeting and Michael Koprowski was present.

The Applicant Mike Koprowski had previously submitted an RDA, but has withdrawn that request and submitted a NOI. The driveway location has been shifted away from the wetlands and a swale has been added along the edge. The driveway will also be pitched away from the BVW and all associated drainage will be located away from the BVW to prevent siltation of the resource areas.

Motion made by Michele Restino to close the hearing and issue the Order of Conditions

Motion Seconded by Matt Toth

No further discussion – 3-0-0 – Motion Carries

8:06 PM Notice of Intent: 14/18 Marsh Hill Road (Map 5 A-B Lot 15.1) – Anthony Belcher

Notice of Intent (NOI) submitted by Sherman & Frydryk c/o Anthony Belcher & Steven Orloff, for work at 18 Marsh Hill Road (Assessors Map 3B Lot 2.4C), pertaining to the construction of a single family home. Specifically the work will include the construction of a single family house with associated private well and sanitary sewage disposal system. The work will include approximately 15,670 square feet of disturbance to the buffer zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. No public was present

Mr. Belcher plans to officially change the property lines with the Planning Board.

A DEP file number has still not been issued. The Agent will contact Mass DEP about the issuance of a file number

Motion made by Michele Restino to continue the hearing until 7:00 PM on Wednesday February 25, 2015

Motion Seconded by Matt Toth

No further discussion – 3-0-0 – Motion Carries

8:15 PM Notice of Intent DEP # 117-0346: 119 Little Alum Road (Map 5B Lot B-14) – Maple Lane

Notice of Intent (NOI) submitted by Greenhill Engineering c/o Maple Lane Development Corp, for work at 119 Little Alum Road (Assessors Map/Lot 5 B B14). Specifically, the work includes the construction of a 500 square foot beach and the reconstruction of an existing dock. The proposed work occur within the buffer zone and resource areas of Little Alum Pond; regulated under M.G.L. Chapter 131, §40. No public was present.

This work includes construction of a 500' beach and the reconstruction of an existing dock. The dock will be 5-foot X 18' feet and be approximately in the same footprint as the current dock. NHESP has approved the project. DEP is requiring a Ch.91 permit for the dock. The Commission discussed the Ch.91 permit with Mark Farrell.

Mark Farrell requested a continuance so he could work on the Ch. 91 permit and revise the current plans. Farrell will also supply the calculations of disturbance to bank and LUW the Dock will have.

Motion made by Michele Restino to continue the hearing until 7:00 PM on Wednesday March 11, 2015 Motion
Seconded by Roger deBruyn
No further discussion – 3-0-0 – Motion Carries

8:15 PM Administrative Matters: Minute Approval – January 28, 2015

Motion by Michele Restino to approve the minutes from Wednesday January 28, 2015
Motion Seconded by Matt Toth
No further discussion – 3-0-0 – Motion Carries

Administrative Matters: Other Projects, Monitoring, Enforcements and Violations

1. Wes Lussier – Tree Removal Request: The Commission received a request from Wes Lussier, of Old Palmer Road about removing dead trees from his property. All work will occur when the ground is dry/frozen, there will be no stumps and work will be done by hand, without the use of heavy machinery. The Agent will conduct a site visit on Wednesday February 18, 2015 to view the trees in question. Michele Restino said the Agent could approve the work administratively.
2. Lake Draw Down Guidance: Michele Restino gave the Commission a draft NOI for the drawdown of Lake Sabbatia. The plan was developed by the Town of Taunton, along with Mass DCR & Mass DEP. The proposed drawdown guidance for the lake is as follows:
 - Initiate Drawdown by October 15th of each year.
 - Maximum Rate of Discharge = 160 CFS.
 - Maximum Rate of Lake Level Lowering = 2" Per Day.
 - Initiate Lake Refilling by April 1st of Each Year.
 - Rate of Refill to not exceed 2" Per Day
 - Target Refill Date = May 15"
 - Maintain Minimum Flow to Mill River of 20 CFS.

This would be a good model for the Town of Brimfield to follow. It allows more time for drawdown and refill than the current Order. The Lake Association should apply for an amended Order of Conditions to change the drawdown dates.

Meeting adjourned 8:33 PM –

Motion made by Michele Restino to adjourn 8:33 PM
Motion was seconded by Matt Toth
No further discussion – 3-0-0 – Motion Carries

Sincerely Submitted
Angela Panaccione, Conservation Agent