

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Meeting – February 23, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with the following members present:  
Paul Sokoloski, Phil Savage, Brian Dejnack, Louis Misium, Jr., Ben Byrne

**Minutes** of the January 26, 2012 were accepted as written.

**Old Business**

**Bement School Dormitory Project (DEP file 142-0174)**  
138 Old Main Street

Representatives from Guntlow & Associates, Inc. and Kenneth Cuddeback from Bement were present to discuss revisions to the NOI filed in 2009, due to changes in conditions from recent storms. The changes included raising the building one foot (from 103.3 to 104.3) and raising a portion of the parking lot to meet the change in elevation of the building. Note was made that the Order of Conditions would normally expire this May. The project is expected to be under construction prior to that date, however it will not be finished. Mr. Cuddeback stated that there has been a change in the law that would extend the time until May of 2014. Mr. Sokoloski suggested that it would be wise to verify that the project could continue without violation of the law, which Mr. Cuddeback agreed to do. Following discussion and review of the plan, the Commission, noting only slight modification to the original plan to raise the elevation of the parking area, which it considered minor, decided not to require an amendment to the Notice of Intent and the Order of Conditions.

**Samantha Trust – Evans – 244 Lower Rd – Continuation of hearing**  
Present: Marcia Evans, Mark Evans

On Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, the Conservation Commission visited the site. The Evans presented additional site plans, as requested, to better demonstrate what they intended to do. Although the plans were somewhat deficient, and after discussion, most of the Commission determined that the area of work described was within the buffer zone, as designed in the regulations, but would not alter an area subject to protection under the act. Therefore, the decision was made that a filing of a Notice of Intent is not required with the condition that a silt fence is placed at two feet above the top of the slope above the 100 year flood line. (Negative 3)

**New Business**

**Request for Determination**

1. 4 Pleasant Avenue  
Present: Mike Skalski

Mr. Skalski explained that the septic system for the house on the property will require activity around a culvert. Commission members had conducted a site visit on Saturday,

February 18<sup>th</sup> and felt the culvert was for drainage, not a stream. It found that the plan, as presented, does not include work in an area subject to protection under the Wetlands Protection Act and does not require a filing of a Notice of Intent. (Negative 4)

2. 29 Elm Street  
No one present

The commission conducted a site visit on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Seeing no evidence of excavation, the Commission agreed to accept withdrawal of the request without prejudice.

Notice of Intent

Eaglebrook School – 286 Pine Nook Road

A representative from Berkshire Design was present to describe a project at the school which involves the relocation of tennis courts and removal and reconstruction of an existing building on the school campus. In preparation for the meeting, on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, the Commission conducted a site visit. The Commission will seek review of the project by a qualified peer and will continue the discussion at the March 22, 2012 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Priscilla Phelps