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Conservation Commission Minutes of Hearing
Monday, June 26, 2017

Approved: July 10, 2017

Members present: Juan Amodej, Alan Chaney, Jeff Haight and Leah Basbanes
Members absent: Marilyn Pike
Meeting held: At the Dunstable Town Hall– 511 Main Street-lower level– Grange Room

Notice of Intent Hearing – 610 Pleasant Street – Timothy Vigers

Jeff opened the hearing at 6:35pm. Mr. & Mrs. Vigers and two residents were in attendance. Steve Eriksen from Norse Environmental spoke on behalf of the applicant. He explained the applicant would like to pave the driveway and add a garage 38' from the wetland line. He said the entire lot is pretty much in the buffer zone and there is a small intermittent stream that crosses the driveway. The home is 50.1' from the wetlands but is grandfathered because it was built before Dunstable's bylaw was enacted. The Commission explained to Mr. Eriksen that the addition cannot encroach closer to the wetlands than the existing home (50.1'). It was suggested that the garage be moved forward. Mr. Vigers said that the house has a 12' wide living room that he would like to expand over the garage therefore moving the addition would not work.

Driveway – Members asked if the applicant has looked into pervious pavement (known as popcorn pavement) for use on the driveway. Mr. Eriksen stated that that type of pavement for a single family home is very expensive. Members said that there are other surfaces Mr. Vigers could consider as an alternative to asphalt. Mr. Eriksen suggested paving with asphalt but running a trench alongside the driveway.

Jeff asked if anyone had questions or comments. Brian O'Donnell asked about the well that is shown on the plan encroaching onto his property. Mr. Vigers said that the survey dated June 9, 2017 used the well as a benchmark on the plan and he's not sure of the status of the well or whether or not there is an easement on the property. Mr. O'Donnell also asked about the word "dredge" on the notice he received from Norse. Mr. Eriksen said that the notice is a standard DEP letter and no wetland alteration would be done on the property.

After the discussion members agreed that since they haven't confirmed the wetland delineation they set up a site visit for Saturday, July 1st at 9am.

Mr. Eriksen requested a continuation of the hearing to give the Commission time to conduct a site visit and issue a decision. Leah made a motion to approve the request for a continuation. Alan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously. The continuation of the hearing will be on Monday, July 10th at 6:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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