

Conservation Commission Minutes 3/21/13

Attendees: Steve Polignone, John Bell, Carl Schreder, Lillabeth Weis, Steve Przyjemski, Susan Flint-Vincent

Meeting began at 7:10pm.

23 Parish Road (GCC 2013-04) RDA new -

Bob Grasso, Engineering Land services

Existing dwelling w/ failed septic system, wetlands @ rear of property and across roadway.

Existing system is @ the rear of the deck.

Remaining land is a grassed area. Soil tests w/ BOH class IV soil, loamy, well-drained soil.

Carl: RDA, not typically done.

Bob: BOH approval.

Bob: Liner around the system, so you don't worry about leaching. Proposed leach area outside 100' buffer zone. Grading 3:1, tanks and some piping are inside buffer zone due to raised mound. Old septic pit - leave in place.

Steve Prz: I am concerned about precedence. There is a cost savings for applicant not to have to register this. I agree that the system needs to be replaced but this is the wrong way to file the application. I would suggest the applicant withdraw without prejudice or the Commission issue a positive determination which would require the applicant to file a NOI for the project.

Bob: Clients wants to get the septic done as soon as April 1st season, and get the house on the market.

Carl: We would give clients credit for the fees incurred so far. Would prefer it be an NOI. Get it into the next hearing and filing the paperwork.

Bob: System is in failure, it's breaking out.

Steve: You can withdraw without prejudice, or we can deny outright and have them reapply. Abutters have already been notified.

Bob: I'll withdraw without prejudice and file a NOI. It's such a minor project.

Steve Przyjemski: We treat components as part of the system, in the buffer zone.

John: I make a motion to allow the applicant to withdraw without prejudice, and apply the fees towards the NOI.

Steve seconds motion.

Bob: Applicant asks about doing the work on an emergency basis.

Steve Przyjemski: If the work is determined to be an emergency I can work with the applicant off line and issue the paperwork that would be needed. Even if this occurs a NOI will still need to be filed for the project after the fact.

John closes RDA for 23 Parish Rd

Steve seconds motion.
Motion carries unanimously.

7:30 Penn Brook School 68 Elm Street (GCC 2013-05; DEP# 161-0757) ANRAD - for the new school

Steve: We need to confirm where the wetlands are, and where the new school is going. The whole back of property is wetland. The project barely encroaches on bldg @ 100'. Small, isolated wetland in the loop of the road. There are 100 flags out there.

Carl: The applicant isn't here.

Steve: Cost to do 3rd party review of the wetland delineation is \$3454. They can't start until 4/15/13. They will be filing the NOI shortly so we will have to filings for the same case running in parallel.

Carl: If we set the delineation. We have to schedule a site walk after 4/15/13.

Steve Przyjemski: The area is a dry wetland, with no vernal pool that I am aware of. The back portion is wetland with a steep bank.

John makes a motion to continue to April 25, 3013 7:15pm.

Steve seconds.

Motion carries unanimously.

7:39pm Utility Corridor off Hampshire Lane (GCC 2013-03) - Matt Kelly BHB Group

The work has been done, emergency services. Asked to investigate issues.

Matt: We performed general maintenance work on 345 line between Uptack Road and rte 97. The work was done yesterday. They tighten bolts and braces.

They used low impact machines. Crews crossed wetlands on foot so as cause minimal impact there. The area has three rare species: 2 reptile, 1 amphibian. Matt was out there all day with the crew.

National grid is going to install a pipe gate at the end of Hampshire Lane. Boulders will be placed selectively.

Everything is done. All endangered species are still in the ground, we didn't have to worry about them.

Steve Przyjemski: Work with me on the gate. - Give through part. Make sure someone in the town has a key.

Matt: National Grid has no issues for working with them to have access to the gate.

Carl: no abutters

John: Makes a motion for a “negative determination” and to work with Steve to establish and install a pipe gate and locking mechanism.

Steve: Seconds motion, motion carries unanimously.

John: Makes a motion to close

Steve: Seconds motion
Motion carries unanimously.

Open Space Committee Members to be reappointed: Jeff Wade

Steve Przyjemski: The Open Space Committee is not an active group, it is tough to get a Quorum.

Steve P: Makes a motion to appoint Jeff Wade to the Committee for a two year term.

Lillabeth: Seconds motion.
Motion carries unanimously.

Carl: They have a quorum now, encourage them to have a meeting.

Bills: CPC paid, revolving accts, conservation expenses

Steve Przyjemski reads the bills.

John: Makes a motion to pay the bills as presented by Steve Przyjemski.

Lillabeth: seconds the motion.

Motion carries unanimously.

7:53pm 27 Pillsbury Street (GCC 2013-02; DEP# 161-0756) NOI – In-ground pool

Mullin rule - One member can miss one meeting. If a member was not at the previous meeting they need to read the minutes and sign a document saying that they read the minutes and understand them.

Steve Przyjemski: We must continue until next meeting, or the other members needed to have reviewed the previous minutes and sign-off on them. As two of the standing members did not do this I recommend continuing the hearing.

John B: Makes a motion to continue to April 25, 2013 at 8:15pm.

Lillabeth: Seconded motion.

Motion carries unanimously.

Steve Przyjemski: The only other discussion is the chain-link fence on Pentucket Pond. There is a request by abutters to remove or partially take down the chain-link fence. What is your opinion?

Carl: As the Harbor master of the pond, the fence was originally a safety issue. To my knowledge, the fence is too low and turtles get trapped on the roadway. - It's an environmental issue. The fence does keep people from fooling around on the dam.

John: The dam has a fish-ladder built into it, but you can't maintain it or clean it.

Steve Przyjemski: suggests the fence is raised 8" so the turtles don't get stuck.

Lillabeth: It is harder to maintain control of the invasive species when the fence goes all the way to the ground (i.e. bittersweet).

Steve Przyjemski: I will let the BOS know what we think.

John: We should take 8" off the bottom. Take cost into account.

John Bell: Makes a motion to close.

Steve Pol: Seconds the motion.

The Conservation Board unanimous votes to close the meeting.
Meeting closed at 8:10pm.