

Committee: _____ Conservation Commission _____

Date: _____ February 11, 2016 _____

Time: _____ 7:00pm _____

Location: _____ 3rd Floor Town Hall _____

Members & Staff present: __Nick Feitz, Rae Ann Baldwin, Laura Replier, Carl Shreder, Rachel Bancroft, Andrew Currie, Susan Flint & Steve Przyjemski

Members not present: _____

The meeting was called to order at: _____ 7:00pm _____

Discussion:

List of Documents and Other Exhibits used at Meeting:

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes 2/11/16

Camp Denison yearly update:

Jim Lacey, Chairman of Camp Denison

Reorganized Camp Denison Committee:

- Maintenance group
- Administrative Group - manages finances

Groveland educators at the Bagnall School, just started talking with Carol Jacobs. Bagnall has a person who is a naturalist, trying to develop 4th grade program that would use the resources at Camp Denison for instruction.

Continue to work on the facility, infrastructure. Rentals are getting much, much better. Having weddings \$2500 for weekend. In 2014 - Local sports teams spent - \$16,000

Resident Comment: Groveland and Haverhill day events are awesome!

Jim Lacey: Suggests having a meeting at Camp Denison when it is warm.

Using CPC money to complete a bathroom, going out to bid. The campers' cabins are near the bathroom. Erosion problem was fixed. Applied to have the beginning of the roadway repaired and paved.

Laura Replier: Thank you for all the work you do out there. It's beautiful! You do a great job!

EDC - Economic Development Committee It is at the front end of what the Planning Board does. We were looking at putting a skating rink in. Looking to put a solar farm in. Met with the Medical marijuana. Trying to generate income for the town.

Wayne Snow - the 95 corridor is where we want to focus our attention.

Carl Shreder: The state starts incubators.

Jim Lacey: We can do financing. There are 5 of us, but we just lost a planner. The Medical marijuana is perfect, it is located right off 95, next to a storage facility.

Wayne Snow: We talked about putting in a skating rink down near Carleton Drive. That corner is state property, so we were talking about buying that piece and giving them something else, so it will be a squared off intersection.

Steve Przyjemski: Usually we're the first contact, the Town Planner and myself. There's not much land left, most of it is wet. On National Ave, there's some flat dry land.

Carl Shreder: Years ago there was the tannery down the street, and the gravel pit.

Wayne Snow: Solar is stuck because the energy prices tanked, the state has to do some things first. Groveland took their well fields, flattened them and put in solar.

Jim Lacey: We try to work with companies to try to get them to stay, but it didn't work.

Carl Shreder: Some people don't leave because they don't want to clean up.

Wayne Snow: They were going to put in a hockey facility and training and rehab facility.

Laura Replier: That would have been a great place to have a lot of activities for kids.

Steve Przyjemski: Is there anything else we can do to work well with you?

Wayne Snow: The biggest problem is that Howard, our town planner is leaving, and it will probably be several months before we get a new planner.

211 East Main St (GCC 2016-03; DEP# 161-0817) - NOI - NEW

Jim Scanlan, engineer
Rachel Nielson, homeowner

Proposing upgraded septic system, Prezby system. Trying to keep system as far away from the wetlands as possible, removing part of the deck to accommodate system which is 50' away from the wetlands.

43' from wetlands

The old system would be left in place, and remove the tank

No comments from DEP.

We had to get many variances, from the foundation 8'. The Board of Health approved the system.

205 East Main St, Mrs. Spaulding: our septic is right there and those are our wetlands.

Nancy Spaulding 205 East Main St. - The wetlands are ours behind, so if anything happens to those wetlands, who is responsible for the clean-up?

Donna Spaulding: Christine Barre says there is a two-way river between Rachel's house and the wetlands. My septic and my leach field. I have made accommodations to the town of Georgetown, 2 bedrooms. Their leach should not be my leach.

Carl Shreder: It's an existing system, she needs to have a septic system.

Donna Spaulding: It's my leaching field. She's leaching onto my leaching field.

205 East Main St. is abutted by the state forest.

Julie Vandross, flagged the wetlands.

Jim Scanlan: The Board of Health was concerned about that. We are putting a liner extra deep along the property line to prevent against breakout. The liner will go from ground level down to 9' which is into the ground water.

Jim Scanlan: DEP has said if you have 4' of material it's cleansed.

Donna Spaulding: There's a sink hole right in front on the road. You are creating a suction down.

Carl Shreder: Where is the system going now?

Jim Scanlan: You can't tell. There isn't a ponding issue, with effluent pooling.

The BOH is not concerned about contamination.

Jim Scanlan: there is a liner on the wetlands side.

Carl Shreder: I'm looking at it as an improvement. I have to find a way to make sure that the wetlands are safe.

Drew Currie: Is the height of the new system higher than the old system?

Jim Scanlan: It's a foot higher, and closer to the wetlands than the existing.

Laura Replier: So it all would join the water table under all of these properties. At least at the top it won't be leaching out until it drops.

Nancy Spaulding: Do they own that land? I own 7 acres behind the home and I don't want to go bankrupt trying to clean up the 7 acres of wetlands behind that house.

Laura Replier: Our hands are tied. We don't do this except in extreme conditions.

Jim Scanlan: The system meets state standards, it is 50' from the wetlands.

Laura Replier: They have tried to help out by putting in an additional liner to protect you and the wetlands. The system is 50' from the wetlands.

Nancy Spaulding: As long as you are confident, that it will be protected and it won't be contaminated.

Carl Shreder: I know it's not perfect, but it is the best compromise for this system in failure.

Nancy Spaulding: Our home was built in the 1945.

Laura Replier: I feel we've done the best we can do. Thank you for coming in, I appreciate your input.

Laura Replier: I like to make a motion to accept the plan dated November 4, 2015. GCC 2016-03; 161-0817 without accepting the wetland line.

Rachel Bancroft: Seconds the motion.

Motion carries unanimously.

Rae Baldwin: Makes a motion to close 211 East Main (GCC 2016-03; 161-0817) - NOI.

Rachel Bancroft: Seconds the motion.

Motion closed unanimously.

540 North Street (GCC 2016-02; DEP# 161-0816) NOI - (cont.)

Steve Przyjemski: They made some modifications, the commission asked to put some infiltrations chambers in and they did as well as the concrete bounds.

Nick Feitz: Makes a motion that we approve 540 North Street (GCC 2016-02; DEP# 161-0816) NOI

Rachel Bancroft: Seconds the motion.

Motion carries unanimously.

Nick Feitz: Makes a motion to close 540 North Street (GCC 2016-02; DEP# 161-0816) NOI

Rachel Bancroft: Seconds the motion.

Motion carries unanimously.

2 Partridge Place (GCC 2015-16; DEP#161-0814) NOI - (cont.)

John Paulson, engineer

Matthew Kramers, homeowner

12x12 deck wanted to tear down, replace with 16x16 - 3 season porch, and 8' deck.

Since then, we've attended to the septic system, put on an addition, with the 3 season room in line with it, took out the stone trench around the driveway. Looking to put a precast stone, on a bed of sand, same size. Variance on plan and in letter. Our closest work will be the patio area, but there's already pea stone there. Collect H2O from new addition and part of existing house (rear), and put them into infiltrators. Not

changing anything right now, but if Board of Health wants us to move it further away from the addition, we can rotate it.

Drew Currie: What's the finished floor of the house?

John Paulson: It's the level of the garage.

Matthew Kramers: 2/3 of basement is garage?

Carl Shreder: Abutters?

No answer.

John Paulson: Those infiltrators will handle 25 year storms. (3"/hr.)

Steve Przyjemski: The stone to the pavers is slightly more impervious, so it's a waiver. I recommend approving it.

Nick Feitz: Makes a motion to approve 2 Partridge Place, not accepting the wetland line.

Rae Baldwin: Seconds the motion.

Nick Feitz: Makes a motion to close.

Rachel Bancroft: Seconds the motion.

48 Searle Street (GCC 2016-04; DEP# 161-0818) NOI - NEW

Bill Manuel, Wetlands and Land Management, engineer

Susan and Gary Stead, homeowners

Bill Manuel: Proposal for a shed on blocks and a garage.

Steve came out to the site and noted a wetland not currently registered.

Gravel driveway off of Searle St., BVW in front flowing off site. In the back of the home, there's another head of wetlands. Steve noted a 900 sq. ft. Isolated wetland. Clearly a break between the isolated wetland and the Turning Leaf Subdivision.

Proposed 1 1/2 car garage detached garage. Compliant with 10' offset from the leach field, and the 75' no build zone. We would need to extend the driveway to reach the garage, but its gravel.

Bill Manuel: The shed was ordered, trees were felled, and gravel was spread in preparation for the coming of the shed, but the no disturb zone goes right through the area where we were going to put the shed. But now it is in the 50-75' buffer. We would like to ask for a waiver. We will restore all the area within the 50'. We would like to do some mitigation adding 240 sq. ft. from lawn, and scruffy, 4-6' tall shrubs and tie into the wet area.

If we want to get it out of the 75' zone, Gary and Susan only occupy a small area of 5 acres. We would like to avoid clearing anymore trees. There's a lot of ledge. We would also be jamming the shed right on top of the deck.

Gary Stead: We've always cherish the woodlands. When we built in 1992 we always thought we would do the shed and the garage. We need a place to put a boat. Our yard is only 5000 sq. ft.

Steve Przyjemski: I met with the applicant and the engineer. They have some options to put the shed in other places. Are they ideal? If a little bit extra grading or work needs to be done to meet the regulations, I would recommend it. Put no-cut stone bounds in to prevent future encroachment.

I want to check the Board of Health to make sure that there has to be a 10' septic setback. I think there was a fairly well defined area of restoration I think they could make a defined restoration area.

Susan Stead: I don't want to have heavy trucks driving over the leaching field. Do you classify wetlands differently? Isolated wetlands vs. streams vs. swamp? We're willing to do what we need to do, but we don't want to have the shed some place that doesn't make sense.

Carl Shreder: Is this a National Heritage area?

Bill Manuel: No.

Bill Manuel: None of this was done with any malice. The area of maintained lawn is very small.

Gary Stead: We've exhausted just about every available option.

Laura Replier: I'd like to make a motion for a site walk for 48 Searle Street at 9:00am on Sat, March 5th, 2016.

Rae Baldwin: Seconds the motion.

Motion passes unanimously.

Rae Baldwin: Makes a motion to continue 48 Searle St to March 10th at 7:00pm.

Nick Feitz: Seconds the motion.

Motion passes unanimously.

24 Summer Street (GCC 2015-15; DEP#161-0813) NOI - (cont.)

Applicant requests a continuation.

Nick Feitz: makes a motion to continue to March 10th at 7:15pm

Rachel Bancroft: Seconds the motion.

Motion carries unanimously.

Discussion Chapter 57 Bylaw changes:

Steve Przyjemski: Previous town planner thought it makes sense to roll both the erosion control bylaw, and storm water bylaw into one.

Right now the Planning Board has a hired engineer to do storm water calculations.

The erosion control should be with the Conservation Commission, I go out and enforce issues.

The Cornell numbers are much stricter. Once the Planning Board accepts the Cornell numbers, we should also adopt the numbers.

Carl Shreder: Right now Town Code, there is an erosion control code. There is no Storm water code.

We have to decide who would write the regulations and who would be in charge of evaluating.

Steve Przyjemski: My recommendation would be to take a vote to make recommendations to the Planning Board.

Carl Shreder: I don't think it's appropriate that another department takes our ???

CPC Appointee: Lillabeth has informally resigned from the Conservation Commission, and therefore we need someone to sit on the CPC committee.

Carl Shreder: We also have an opening on the Open Space Commission.

Laura Replier: Makes a motion to pay bills as read by Steve.

Rachel Bancroft: Seconds the motion.
Motion passes unanimously.

Discussion about restructuring Town Use Departments.

Nick Feitz: Makes a motion to close the meeting.

Rachel Bancroft: Seconds the motion.

Motion passes unanimously.

Meeting closed at 10: 03pm.

Documents and Other Exhibits used at meeting will be available for review at: ___the Conservation Office_____

(Office)

Meeting was adjourned at: _____ 10:03pm_____

Next meeting:

Date: _____ March 10, 2016 _____

Time: _____ 7:00pm _____

Place: _____ Second Floor Meeting Room _____

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman: _____

(Signature)

Minutes approved by Committee on: __ April 14, 2016__

(Date)

