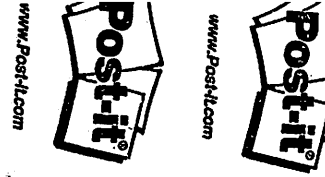


TOWN OF GRANBY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting of August 14, 2012
Aldrich Hall-257 East State Street, Granby MA 01033



Proposed Minutes

DW, EC, PK, & BS; quorum met. JH and Mark Stinson (DEP) also in attendance

7:00 Building & Board of Health Permits:

Russ Anderson at 29 Taylor St. is proposing a 14x28 inground pool. BS conducted a walk-through with Mr. Anderson. BS did not find any evidence of wetland issues within 200 feet. EC recused himself. PK motioned to approve permit, DW seconded, all voted to approve.

Wilmot A. Lewis II is proposing a horse barn at 180 Taylor St. Using topographic maps and GoogleEarth, the Commission determined that no flood plain or wetlands concerns were present. PK motioned to sign off on permit, EC seconded, all voted to approve.

7:15 Administrative Duties:

1. Commentary:
2. Post next meeting: August 28, 2012 next meeting is posted for 7pm.
Approve Minutes: PK motioned to approve the minutes for July 24, 2012. EC seconded, and all voted to approve minutes.
3. CC Financial accounts update (quarterly)
4. Bills to Pay ---- invoice received for June Hart for \$90 for 6 hours. PK motioned to approve, EC seconded, all approved.
5. Outreach/Education-Plant of the Week
6. Notices (ZBA) none
7. Announcements/News: none
8. Con Com Web site update : none
9. New members for Con Com : none
10. Site Visits to be scheduled: Gravel pits, Grandview Farms

Discussion (Case Files)

Regarding the proposed Mass-West Development, BS will research the project if development will include siting a public water supply near the wetland; if so, the Commission will need to issue a permit.

Appointments/Public Hearings:

Time	GCC#	DEP#	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	Name/Owner/Rep
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Gravel Permit Renewal Application

Chartier/Orlen- Batchelor Street
Nawrocki (3)
Ted Ondrick

Old Business:

8:00 Grandview NOI, continued

Mike Shaffer of Huntley Assoc. representing applicant. Commission has released the technical documents to the project reviewers, Mr. Nitzche and Mr. Newman. It is reported that no road centerline stakes are currently in place. According to standard layout, marker stakes are to be set every 100 feet to facilitate orientation while on-site. Prior to the next CC meeting, Commissioners, CC review consultants, and Bruce Griffin (wetland consultant for applicant) will conduct a site visit. Wetland boundaries must still be confirmed. BS moved to continue the hearing until August 28th, 2012 at 8:00pm, PK seconded, all voted in favor of continuing the hearing until August 28th, 2012 at 8:00pm.

8:15 Wilson RDA, continued

EC recuses himself from discussions. CC re-opens hearing for proposed 60 Burnett St. BS, DW, and JH reported on recent site visit. Following discussions, hearing moved, seconded and voted closed; afterwhich, BS moves to issue a Negative 3, DW seconds, all voted in favor.

8:30 Aldrich Dam NOI, continued

Commission reconvenes the hearing. DW expressed concerns about stability of overall structure of dam. Project is considered "interim repair" to mitigate structural deterioration. It was determined that a river cofferdam (CC Alternative 1) is not financially or structurally feasible. Breaching the dam (CC Alternative 2) would affect several residents, would be more costly, and would take much longer to permit. The lake water level will be brought down close to 10 feet to repair the pipe, and then the water may be raised for the remainder of the repairs. Applicant expects 2 months administrative delays prior to beginning work (due to the DCAM public project bid procurement standards). Applicant states it is not typical to have environmental monitoring for temperature, etc during the dam improvement process. According to long-time Granby resident K.B. Brooks, large-mouth bass can survive some temperature changes, and since project will most likely occur in the winter, there is not expected to be a deleterious temperature rise. Drawdown will be gradual to allow fish to move from higher to lower elevation and to minimize downstream scour and movement of sediment. Long-term there is a mandatory inspection program that goes along with the repairs of the dam. Commission will craft an order that will include a start date (most likely October 1, 2012) for the draw-down. An edited version of Mass. Fisheries and Wildlife Drawdown Standards will likely be implemented. The Commission will reconvene the hearing on August 28, 2012 at 8:30 pm. BS moves to close the hearing, PK seconds, all approve to reconvene on August 28, 2012 at 8:30 pm.

Prior to the start of any work, M. Stinson recommends the Commission have the contractor provide a letter stating that they have read and understand the conditions.

Adjournment:

At 9:15 pm BS moves to adjourn the meeting, PK seconds, all in favor.