

**Conservation Commission Meeting  
Selectman's Meeting Room, Town Hall  
May 25, 2011**

Pat Kinne opened the meeting at 7:00.

**7:00 NOI – SMA #11, Monument Valley Road**, filed by Monument Mountain Lodge, LLC. Proposed work is the construction of a single-family dwelling, driveway, drainage structures and utilities.

Chris Tryon from Kelly, Granger and Parsons presented. Developed a profile of the mountain in relationship to the house and presented a plan. Mark Rosengren presented a color rendering of the house. Discussed pre and post construction. In a 25 year storm very little will come out of detention basin, in a 100 year storm quite a lot. David Shanahan confused about the different sections and the amount of absorbance and said without gutters they cannot determine the amount of flow off the roof that can be handled. Mr. Tryon described areas and catch basins. In response to a question by Andrew Mankin about his plans for stabilizing the sides of the steep driveway, Mr. Rosengren replied that there are three existing culverts and one will be added at the top. A maintenance plan has been submitted. Chris Blair added that the state standard is every 200ft. for a catch basin and doesn't think they need that much. When questioned if he thought the plans were adequate he said the plans meet the standard for a single family and that the soils are adequate for percolation and that there would be not that much change on the site as the lot is 21 acres. Agent Sewall suggested reviewing the construction sequence and maintenance. June excavate the house, then detention area, constructing retaining walls, all in the first two months. Garage after the house. House backfilled before starting garage as far as stockpiling, framing the house in July through November, same with pool house. October through December finish putting in catch basins around perimeter of house, then exterior trim inside finishing January through June. As soon as they can grade the property they can start installing the catch basins. Long Term Maintenance: Three sections, drainage, culverts and swales. Will inspect for debris and sediment, twice a year, same for catch basins, detention basin area inspection, recommend mowing the basin twice a year to keep brush down, probably within five years or so remove some sediment. Pat Kinne wants to add inspection to ensure proper working order. Andrew Mankin asked for a condition that has the catch basins in and working before winter and wants drainage system in and functional by the end of October. Jessica Dezieck is concerned about the landscape plan. Agent Sewall said there could be a Special Condition that there can be no plants on the Massachusetts invasive species list. Chris Tryon said about 98% will be grass and what is cleared now will be maintained in some way. Mark Stinson said to include a finding of fact that this stormwater system will never be considered a wetland resource area.

A motion was requested to close the public hearing.

**MOTION:** Andrew Mankin to close public hearing,

**SECOND:** Jessica Dezieck

**VOTE:** 6-0, all in favor.

After further discussion, a motion to approve was requested.

**MOTION:** Andrew Mankin that we approve the SMA NOI with the following Special Conditions as well as the standard Erosion Controls Special Conditions: 1. Catch basins to be installed and in proper working order by the end of October 2011. 2. No planting of any plants listed on official Massachusetts invasive plant list, including Common Vinca and Pachysandra. 3. Include a Finding of Fact that storm water source systems will never be considered a wetland resource area. 4. The attached Long Term Maintenance Plan shall be part of the plan and abided by in perpetuity (Attachment 1). 5. Finding of Fact (Attachment 2). 6. If chemicals are to be used in the pool water, in the event the pool must be emptied the water must be pumped into a truck and removed from the lot and should not be discharged onto the surface of the lot.

**SECOND:** Jessica Dezieck

**VOTE:** All in favor, 6-0

**7:15 – RDA – 137 Hurlburt Road, filed by John and Eileen Morris.** Proposed work will involve installation of a paved apron, culvert and gravel driveway.

Sarah Stiner presented and told the Commission that she hoped they would stand by Agent Hines' previous opinion. There was a comment from a member of the audience who was concerned about drainage issues on Hurlburt Road. Pat Kinne explained that the Commission is only concerned with a driveway permit and also that the Commission is acting as an advisory board giving a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen.

A motion to close the public hearing was requested.

**MOTION:** Andrew Mankin to close the public hearing.

**SECOND:** Jessica Dezieck

**VOTE:** 6-0, all in favor

Pat Kinne noted that at the site of the driveway there is no sign of wetland plants, soils, standing water, etc. and said that a drainpipe will adequately allow the water to drain. Jessica Dezieck asked for an NOI. Discussion ensued. Andrew Mankin was of the opinion that since the property is extremely flat erosion won't be an issue, no sediment from the driveway is going into the wetland, and he doesn't feel the driveway will change the hydrology, flow, or will impact wetlands.

**MOTION:** Andrew Mankin that the Commission issue a negative #3 with the condition of a 15" culvert located in the existing swale.

**SECOND:** Orit Kadosh

**VOTE:** 5-0 in favor, 1 opposed

**7:30 NOI – Maple Ave., Map 30, Lot 45, DEP File #167-0343,** filed by George Beebe, continued. The proposed project will provide flood protection and bank stabilization along approximately 600 feet of the left bank of the Green River while providing excess compensatory flood storage.

A continuance was requested.

**MOTION:** Jessica Dezieck to continue until June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30

**SECOND:** Andrew Mankin

**VOTE:** 5-0, 1 abstained.

## **MISCELLANEOUS:**

**2. 84 Alford Road – NOI revision for Bard College at Simon's Rock.** Shannon Boomsma from White Engineering was present. She proposed adding to the RDA they submitted in August of 2010. They want to remove a porch at the rear of the building and construct another porch as the Building Inspector has requested that a ramp be installed. The new porch will go to the ramp. It was determined that a Determination of Applicability cannot be amended and a new Request for Determination of Applicability will have to be filed.

**1. 444 Stockbridge Rd. CHP.** Bill Wellspeak, the new Maintenance Manager, presented a plan to the Commission. They want to install a metal shed in the buffer zone at the rear of the building and include in the plan a cement pad that has already been poured within the 100' easement zone, as a future spot for a generator. These fall under an existing NOI as accepting revision without requirements for additional filing. Pat Kinne advised Mr. Wellspeak that the Commission couldn't approve this without a site visit. She also mentioned that the trees that were taken out have not been replaced. Agent Sewell said she did see the pad and it is about 2-1/2 ft. from the edge of the silt fence. A site visit was scheduled.

**3. 119 Hollenbeck Avenue. Driveway permit application.** It was decided to approve the permit, as the Wetlands Act does not apply. A motion to approve was requested.

**MOTION:** Andrew Mankin that the Wetlands Act does not apply.

**SECOND:** Jessica Dezieck

**VOTE:** 6-0, all in favor

**4. A motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 27, 2011 was requested.**

**MOTION:** Andrew Mankin that we approve the minutes of 4/27/11

**SECOND:** David Shanahan

**VOTE:** 6-0, all in favor

A motion to adjourn was requested.

**MOTION:** Andrew Mankin to adjourn the meeting.

**SECOND:** Jessica Dezieck

**VOTE:** 6-0, all in favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Torres, Secretary