

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
May 21, 2012 at 5:00 PM
Site Visit at Etna Library

In attendance:

Members: Ruth Bleyler, Ed Chamberlain (Chair), Michael Mayor (Planning Board Liaison)

Alternates: Jim Kennedy

Staff: Jonathan Edwards, Vicki Smith

Others: Betsy Storrs

1. Site Visit to review wetland impacts from proposed Etna Library improvements

Jim Kennedy recused himself as he is a consultant on the project.

Ed Chamberlain summarized some of the design issues identified as problems at the community input session. Jonathan Edwards and Jim Kennedy addressed the changes that have been made in response to the input.

The size and orientation of the ice hockey rink and field have been adjusted so there are no wetland impacts, and only impacts to the wetland buffer.

The parking lot at the Etna Library has been designed to minimize impacts to the wetlands. By adding the lilac hedge planting suggested by the Library Trustees, the amount of wetland impact will increase to 1200 square feet, still within the range for a DES minimum expedited application. The goal is to locate the parking so as to minimize impacts on the wetland and to maintain the rural character of the landscape. The Town will add three trees on the Connolly land to provide a vegetative screen.

Jonathan presented options about the driveway width narrowing the driveway to 16 feet.

The Commission requested that the lilacs, erosion control for the ice rink expansion, and wetland buffer boundaries (25' and 75') be added to the plan and the re-calculated areas of wetland impact and buffer impacts be reported. The detail for the silt fence should also be changed to specify straw bales, not hay bales.

2. Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 4:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki Smith, Scribe