

CONSERVATION COMMISSION SITE VISITS
August 6, 2012

In attendance:

Members: Ruth Bleyler, Ed Chamberlain (Chair)

Alternates: Jim Kennedy

Staff: Vicki Smith

Others: Maureen and Larry Morse, Solomon and Diane Diamond, Partrick St. Pierre

1. Impacts to Wetlands and Buffers to Accommodate a New Driveway at 14 Orchard Hill Lane

The Commission reviewed the location of the wetlands and brook and noted that two culverts would be needed, one at the road and one for the brook crossing.

The Commission requested that:

- the construction sequence be updated to include the culvert at the road;
- the applicant contact DPW to confirm that the driveway location at its intersection with Orchard Hill Lane is satisfactory;
- the headwalls at both ends of the culverts be made from boulders and not pre-cast concrete;
- the driveway width be modified to 12' with 2' shoulders. The 16' width proposed is not conforming with the Zoning Ordinance standard.
- the culvert length be reduced to 20 feet, rather than 30'. Mr. St. Pierre will confirm at 20 feet is appropriate; otherwise 25 feet may be needed;
- the plan be modified to include details about the other drainage channels that converge at the proposed driveway crossing of the brook;
- the plan be modified to embed a 36 inch culvert with no plunge at either side;
- the plan should be modified to show the area of wetland impact; and
- the plan should specify using straw, not hay.

Revised plans will be prepared for the Commission meeting on August 8 and for the Zoning submission on August 10th.

2. Impacts to Wetlands and Buffers to Accommodate a New Driveway, Agricultural Building, Septic System and House

Jim Kennedy recused himself as he is representing the owners, Maureen and Larry Morse. Ultimately, the Morses would like a house, driveway, septic system and agricultural shed for equipment storage. These various improvements will be shown on an amended plan. Silt fence will be added to the plan. Mr. Morse would like to get rid of the Japanese knotweed on the land. The Commission suggested taking advantage of the special exception that allows incursions into

the side and read property line setbacks in deference to achieving greater setbacks from water resources.

3. ADJOURNMENT: The site visits adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki Smith, Scribe