

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
July 6, 2015
Site Visits

In attendance:

Members: Ed Chamberlain (Chair), Jim Kennedy

Staff: Vicki Smith

Others: Tim Rockwood, Hank Harjes, Janice Starkey

368 Dogford Road – Proposal to locate a septic system within 125 feet of a wetland

Ed Chamberlain and Jim Kennedy met with Tim Rockwood, consultant, and Hank Harjes landowner, to observe the proposal for a new leach field that would impact the wetland buffer. The ZBA has granted a variance allowing the creation of a lot with less than 200 feet of frontage. The Harjes are confirming that a septic system is possible on the lot prior to going to the Planning Board for approval for the new lot.

A leach field is proposed within 125 feet of a wetland. The part of the lot closest to the road is narrow and the upland area limited as there are wetlands both to the east and west. To locate the leach field further north in the lot would necessitate direct wetland impacts and more disturbance to the lot due to the long driveway required to access a site for the leach field that would conform to the 125 foot buffer standard. The area of wetland buffer impact was flagged.

Jim investigated the area between the wetland and proposed leach field. It is sloped. The wetland is an intermittent stream which runs from Dogford Road through the property.

Ed suggested that Mr. Harjes provide a statement addressing the avoidance and minimization criteria in Section 702 of the Zoning Ordinance. He also noted that erosion controls should be added to the plan, including a detail of what is proposed. The Commission would also like to see a construction sequence.

Mr. Harjes will provide the requested materials and plans on attending the Commission meeting on Wednesday.

81 Lebanon Street – Request for vegetative management on Tanzi Tract

Ed Chamberlain met with Janice Starkey. Mrs. Starkey proposes to remove dead trees close to her property line. The trees are on a slope that is part of the Town-owned Tanzi Tract. Mrs. Starkey is worried that the dead trees will fall on her children who play in the woods.

Mrs. Starkey would like the trees cut up and chipped. Ed thought this would be the best approach-keeping the nutrients in the forest. She will cover the costs and has already arranged with Henderson's to do the work.

ADJOURNMENT: The Lebanon Street site visit was over at 4:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki Smith, Scribe