

**STURBRIDGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Minutes for Thursday, May 26, 2005**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Board Members: D. Barnicle (Chair), F. Damiano, Ed Goodwin, D. Grehl

Associate Member: J. Hoffman

K. Doyle for minutes

7:00 PM

**DISCUSSION OF NEW INFORMATION / WALK INS**

1) John Warington for 6 Ridge Hill Road

- Discussion of trench and draining of small isolated wetland area on property. Tree clearing and garden proposed. Water flood yard in spring, occupied new house in April 2004.
- Discussion of building a natural barrier around wetland pocket, small rock retaining wall.
- Walk-in with a sketch for June 9, 2005 hearing

2) Rick Para for Fiske Hill project

- Discussion of restriction deed
- Discussion of State Highway taking of land
- Discussion of SCC not approving the preparation for a second driveway. SCC would like to review the project as a whole with all work proposed at once.

3) Discussion of Sturbridge Host Hotel—Jaguar Event

- SCC has no problems. K. Doyle to give written approval response.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOI CONTINUED DEP # 300-643: Para Eng. for Davis, 265 Holland Rd; SFH construction. (Verbal Request for Continuance TBD. Re-advertisement and re-abutter notification will be required )**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**DEP 300-616. 70 Stallion Hill Road: Request to Amend Order of Conditions. Green Hill Engineering represent Zafiris.**

D. Barnicle opened the public hearing, present was C. Zafiris. Required notifications (green cards and paper advertisement) NOT submitted. C. Zafiris stated that Green Hill Engineering did the required notification and will turn it into the office. C. Zafiris requests that the Commission review his project as an emergency because of a failed septic system. SCC agrees to hear the project. (Green Hill Engineering handed in the proper notification requirements on Tuesday 5/31/05. All abutters were notified in time and the public notice ran in time).

SCC Comments—

- o K. Doyle informs the SCC of the septic system failure and the need to amend the Order of Conditions.
- o Discussion of the discrepancy in plans, Green Hill Engineering for the driveway and garage vs. Sherman and Wood for the septic system
- o J. Hoffman requests that the Sherman & Wood plans only refer to the septic system work.

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- o E. Goodwin agrees and makes a motion that an Amendment to the Order of Conditions is granted with a condition that the Sherman and Wood plans are to only be used for septic system design only, also as-builts are to be submitted to the Commission. D. Barnicle seconds the motion, all in favor 4:0.

*Hearing closed. Amended Order of Conditions to be issued on Emergency. Applicant agrees.*

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

DEP 300-658. NOI: Old Sturbridge Village roadway work. CME Associates, Inc. represent the Town of Sturbridge.

D. Barnicle opened the public hearing, present were P. Chambers and C. Rodger from CME Associates. Proper notifications were handed in.

### **SCC Comments—**

- o K. Doyle briefs the SCC on the project. NOI package was very complete with good information. K. Doyle recommends that the SCC does not make a decision until Natural Heritage comments are received
- o K. Doyle questions how were the areas of added rip-rap established?
- o D. Grehl questions how wide the roadway is now and how wide will it be?"
- o F. Damiano states that the roadway is to be resurfaced, no new roadway
- o K. Doyle runs through a list of comments from reviewing the plans.
- o D. Barnicle comments on the proposed swale on Sheet 9 of the project plans and the proposed relocation of the dumpster

### **Applicant Comments-**

- o P. Chambers states that areas with "steeper" slopes will be stabilized with the rip-rap. Typically the 2 to 1 slopes. Also, the roadway is to be widened by about 2-feet.
- o P. Chambers states that the swale could possibly wrap around the corners of the parking lot but the area is so small that the swale cannot be bigger.
- o The dumpster is proposed to be relocated to accommodate the request of the property owner. The dumpster is to be enclosed by a fence.
- o Project is out to bid to contractors

### **SCC Comments—**

- o K. Doyle requests that the Operation and Maintenance Plan be revised to include more information, snow removal, maintenance of swale etc.
- o K. Doyle requests that the catch basins are protected during construction (detail included in plan set)
- o D. Barnicle suggests that the Hobbs Brook Stormwater Operation Plan is a good example. K. Doyle to fax sample Operation and Maintenance plan to applicant representative.
- o D. Barnicle states that a site walk is necessary. Revised project plans to be submitted prior to the site walk. Site walk scheduled for June 4, 2005

### **Abutter Comments-**

No abutters present.

### **Information to be submitted-**

Revised Project plans (as discussed) and revised Stormwater Operation and Maintenance Plan

*Hearing continued until June 9, 2005 pending a site walk on June 4, 2005. Applicant representative agrees.*

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Multiple NOIs CONTINUED DEP Nos. 300-649 through 300-653. Five Single Family houses at 269 Cedar Street (Lots 1-5). Applicant: M. Valandre and/or T. Reardon Builders, Inc. Rep: Jalbert Eng. and EcoTec

D. Barnicle re-opened the public hearing, present were L. Jalbert, S. Morrison and property owners (see sign-in sheet). Monitoring well information submitted to the Commission by S. Morrison of EcoTec.

SCC Comments—

- o K. Doyle states that she met with the Board of Health agent and it was requested that she presents options to the Conservation Commission (see file).
- o F. Damiano suggests that the homes are owned by a house association such that one person is in charge of maintenance, rather than five individual owners.
- o E. Goodwin states that one wetland crossing is appropriate, other SCC members agree: 2+ wetland crossings are not favorable
- o D. Barnicle states that he would like to see the writing of the easement documents and he requests that the Commission and Town Counsel have time to review the easement documents and provide comments.

Applicant Comments-

- o L. Jalbert states that the sewer pipes to be installed within the wetland crossing will be installed in a sleeve so that maintenance of the pipe will be easier. The easement will not need to be “dug up” if the pipe breaks, the pipe can just be removed by pulling it out of the sleeve.

SCC Comments—

- o D. Barnicle requests a continuance, revised project plans are to be submitted along with easement documentation for review and comment.

Abutter Comments-

No abutters present.

To Be Submitted-

Revised plans showing the monitoring well and easement documents written by the applicant’s attorney.

*Hearing continued until June 9, 2005 at 9:10 PM. Applicant agrees*

**PUBLIC HEARING**

NOI CONTINUED DEP No. 300-654. House Addition at 310 The Trail. Jalbert Engineering, Inc. representing J. & M. Ricci.

D. Barnicle re-opened the public hearing, present were L. Jalbert and Ricci. L. Jalbert submits an alternative plan to the SCC. Both the alternative plan and the older plan are compared and discussed (see file).

SCC Comments—

- o D. Barnicle states that L. Jalbert needs to submit plans earlier to the SCC so that K. Doyle has time for review and comment.
- o F. Damiano comments that the addition can be built differently so that so much material does not have to be dredged.

Applicant Comments-

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- L. Jalbert states that the subject property is a big lot on Big Alum and that one of the goals of this project is to promote sheet flow away from the lake.
- The property would go from having sheet flow to concentrated flow to a swale and away from the lake.

SCC Comments—

- F. Damiano has a problem with the amount of material to be dredged on property. He was led to believe that by not having the circular driveway, less material would be removed. Now that there is no more circular driveway, the same amount of material is to be removed.
- D. Barnicle requests that the SCC makes a motion on one of the project plans in front of the SCC
- F. Damiano makes a motion to reject both plans, not comfortable that the wetland resource areas are being protected to the maximum extent. E. Goodwin seconds the motion.

Applicant Comments-

- Ricci states that he is sad that the project cannot be approved.
- L. Jalbert states that the applicant wishes to withdrawal the permit application without prejudice.

*SCC accepts withdrawal without prejudice.*

**PUBLIC HEARING**

NOI CONTINUED DEP No. 300-659. Greenhill Engineering representing K. Spencer for Septic Upgrade at 65 Farquhar Road (Site Walk conducted)

D. Barnicle re-opened the public hearing, no one present.

E. Goodwin stated that he visited the site and had no problems.

E. Goodwin makes a motion to close the hearing and issue an approval Order of Conditions. D. Barnicle seconds the motion. All in favor: 4/0

*Hearing closed. Approval Order of Conditions to be issued.*

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Tabled and included:

1) Appointment: Alfred Trifone and Dan Flynn for 37 So. Shore Drive Enforcement Order

- Donna recuse herself, President of the Lake Association
- Discussion of re-evaluating the fill area
- Amendment to be sent to DEP and Natural Heritage via Certified Mail
- Planting Plan to be revised and updated
- Work inside the house is granted, stop work outside is still in effect

2) Appointment: T. Mapplebeck for 35 Breakneck Road (Enforcement Order)

- T. Mapplebeck moved into house in 2000
- Trees removed about 1 ½ years ago, beaver activities cause trees to die off
- NOI requested for shed, porch, access drive in rear, tree clearing etc.
- Discussion of stabilizing the slope, wood chips etc.
- NOI to be filed for all work proposed and conducted without a valid permit

3) Appointment: R. Bachand for Clarke Road Extension (Enforcement Order)

- Plantings proposed for stabilization
- Slims to clean out beach area—SCC suggested Lycott Environmental

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- Excavation on back slope—nylon mesh to be installed
- Discussion of nylon mesh verses jute mesh
- Surface drains not installed properly, need to be reinstalled
- Landscaper will install non-invasive plantings for stabilization
- No quick release fertilizer
- Lycott information and landscaper information to be submitted to SCC with NOI package, As Built plans to be drafted with new plantings/stabilization measures shown too.

4) Discussion of 446 Main Street

5) Discussion of Allen Homestead request to Amend Order of Conditions (DEP 300-419)

- SCC believes there is no reason why roadway work cannot be complete by July 29, 2005. No extension should be granted for roadway work. Individual lot work/stabilization can be granted for 6 months.

6) Signing of Order of Conditions

7) Discussion of upcoming hearings:

- June 9, 2005 (No F. Damiano)
- no hearing June 23
- July 7
- July 21, 2005 (no D. Grehl)
- August 4
- August 18

Motion to close hearing, 11:50 PM, approved by unanimous vote.