

STURBRIDGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
June 7th, 2012 Amended

7:00 PM-Joint Meeting of Conservation Commission, Board of Selectmen, Recreational Trails Master Plan Steering Committee.

Meeting will reconvene to the Center Office Building @ 301 Main Street.

Members present: Dave Barnicle, Chairman, Donna Grehl, Ed Goodwin, Calvin Montigny and Joe Kowalski (Alternate Member).

Members absent:

Also Present: Richard Para.

Committee Updates:

CPA, PLAC, Trails Committee, Trails Master Plan Steering Committee and Lakes Advisory Committee :

- EG stated CPC met June 4th, 2012 with nothing new to report.
- DB stated TC is scheduled to meet next week.
- DG stated LAC met but was unable to attend.

Approval of Minutes

Walk In's:

Mark Farrell-66 Mt. Dan Road:

- MF asked if the Commission would come and look at the site which will be staked and asked the Commission for consideration of a deck within the 50' that was previously denied. MF stated the sonatubes would be hand dug, the soil will be placed on a tarp and sod would be placed in the disturbed area when complete.
- CM stated he would like to see the site.
- EG stated he has already taken a site visit.
- JK stated he is familiar with the site.
- DG stated she is hesitant given that this is a new building and doesn't need to see the site. DG stated there is still a run off issue where the grass is dying.
- DB stated he will poll the other two members to see if they want to do a site visit.

8:30 p.m. Public Hearing: (Public Hearing opened May 17, 2012) Notice of Intent application submitted by Para Land Surveying on behalf of James McLean Jr. for work to construct a proposed garage, driveway, side door access, reconstruct a sidewalk and stairs, maintenance of existing structures and lawn and landscaping at 62 Whittemore Road.

- Richard Para presented his revised plans to the Commission and discussed with the Commission where the water runs off. RP stated the water from the swale flows to the back of the lot. RP stated crushed stone and a check dam are proposed at the roadway.
- DG asked what the impervious surface would be in regards to the existing gravel driveway changing to a paved driveway and proposed garage.
- RP stated the proposed impervious area would be 1465 square feet for the driveway and 676 square feet for the garage.
- EG asked where the water from the driveway will flow.
- RP stated the water will flow in the same direction with 2 ½' of crushed stone at the base of the swale and crushed stone at the lower side of the proposed garage.
- DB suggested that the Commission review the revised plan with a site visit on 6/11/12 @ 4 p.m.

Public Hearing continued to 6/21/12 @ 7:30 p.m.

8:45 p.m. Public Hearing: (Public Hearing to open on May 17, 2012) Notice of Intent application submitted by Green Hill Engineering on behalf of Bay State Savings Bank for work to replace an existing cesspool with a compliance title 5 septic system on a single family home at 261 Holland Road.

- The Commission asked Mark Farrell from Green Hill Engineering that the area be staked; they went on a site visit and did not see where MF had marked the area with spray paint.

Public Hearing continued to 6/21/12 @ 7:45 p.m. with a site visit scheduled for 6/11/12 @ 5:00 p.m.

9:00 p.m. Public Hearing: (Public Hearing opened April 19, 2012) Notice of Intent application submitted by Bertin Engineering on behalf of Edward Moore for conversion of a deck into a 3 season room and redesign of a deck at 18 Birch Street.

- The Commission was presented a formal request of withdrawal without prejudice by Michael Loin from Bertin Engineering.
- DB read the following actions that will be taken in response to the site visit with the Commission's approval:
 1. The shallow drain in the driveway will be cleaned and maintained on a bi-annual basis to maintain the 6" existing sump.
 2. The outlet of the drain will be armored with a 6" stone along the entire drainage path to the lake.
 3. Pea stone will be placed along the north side of the garage.
 4. Two existing down spouts will be redirected away from the neighbor's property. Splash blocks will be installed at the outlets.
- DB asked if the Commission agreed to the withdrawal without prejudice and the 4 items that were addressed in regards to the existing problems.
- The Commission agreed to withdrawal without prejudice.

- EG asked about cleaning out the D Box.
- DG suggested cleaning the D Box on a quarterly basis and possibly checking it after a rain event.

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OLD BUSINESS

Heins CR Commissioner Review:

DB stated he is postponing this until the Commission has an Agent.

Letter from DEP in regards to South Shore Drive:

- DB stated that DEP has sent the Commission a formal letter that indicates the Commission has done everything possible to mitigate the issues on South Shore Drive and was advised not to be involved any longer.

NEW BUSINESS

Extension Permit for Order of Conditions at 66 Mt. Dan Road:

Consensus to approve a 6 month extension to the Order of Conditions.

Letter Permits

Tree Removal-43 Abrams Road:

- DB stated he is postponing this until the next meeting as he is looking for guidance from DEP.

Tree Removal-98 South Shore Drive:

- DB stated the trees are tall and narrow in diameter. DB stated he is looking for a 2 to 1 mitigation.
- EG would like a site visit.

Correspondence

Chairman Barnicle will be explaining a hand out of the list of items expected of the ConCom by the new Town Charter:

Postponed.

Open Space

Joshua Hyde Library-Conservation Land Use Application:

- DB stated he will get a copy of application to the Commission members.

Consensus by the Commission to approve.

ADJOURN

MOTION: By CM, seconded by DG to adjourn @ 9:26 p.m. **Vote: 3/0.**

