

STURBRIDGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

June 21, 2012

7:00 p.m. Open Meeting

Quorum check

Members present: Dave Barnicle, Chairman, Donna Grehl, Ed Goodwin and Calvin Montigny.

Members absent: Joe Kowalski, Alternate Member.

Also Present: Robert Antos, Mary Berry, David B. Petrin, Danny Correia, Leonard Jalbert, Paul Hatch, Mark Farrell, Bill Zelenek, Gary Hudzik, Andy Cormier, Rick Parra and Fred Trifone.

Committee Updates

CPA, SLAC, PLAC, Trails Committee(TC), Trails Master Plan Steering Committee(TMPSC):

- EG stated there's been no CPA meeting.
- DG stated SLAC gave their presentation to BOS in regards to boating and docks regulations and they are also working on a logo.
- DB stated there's been no PLAC meeting. DB stated there was a meeting for TC last week which he didn't attend. DB stated the TMPSC meeting is 7/2/2012.
- EG stated the bike ride at Westville is rescheduled to June 23, 2012 at 2:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: By EG, seconded by DG to approve May 3, 2012, May 17, 2012 and the June 7, 2012 minutes with amendment to the June 7th, 2012 as stated by EG.

Vote: 4/0.

Walk-ins:

66 Mount Dan Road:

- DC stated he is proposing a cantilevered deck (6') off the master bedroom and the other deck on the lakeside (10') he proposed to be 5 Sonotubes with the deck encroaching 2-3' in the 50'.

Discussion amongst the Commission regarding an erosion issue.

MOTION: By DB, seconded by CM to approve the plan as submitted with modification to the ground water.

Vote: 0/4 opposed.

MOTION: By DB, seconded by CM to approve both decks being cantilevered with no posts on the ground with ground cover under the decks.

Vote: 1/3 opposed by EG, DB and DG.

72 Westwood Drive-Greg Hudzik represented by Andy Cormier from Escape Estates:

- AC stated this is a proposal to crown and pave an existing gravel driveway within the 200' and create a parking area with crushed stone about a 1' deep along with filter fabric.

MOTION: By EG, seconded by DG to approve the plan as verbalized.

Vote: 4/0.

- DB asked that the Commission be e-mailed or called regarding a time frame.
- AC stated hay bales and a silt fence can be used as erosion controls.

Public Hearings

7:30 Public Hearing: (Public Hearing to open on June 21, 2012) Review of proposed Land Use Policy includes Land Use and Management Policy items like Trails, Use of Conservation Lands, rules & regulations on Conservation Land, Terms of Timber Harvest, Mechanized Vehicle Policies, Handicapped Access, Conservation Restrictions, Management by Parcel, etc.

Public Hearing postponed until 7/19/12 @ 7:30 p.m.

7:45 p.m. Public Hearing: (Public Hearing to open June 21, 2012) Notice of Intent application submitted by P.B. Hatch on behalf of The Sturbridge Retirement Cooperative Corp. to install a lining of existing culvert & removal of buried woody debris on Pine Avenue off Kelly Road.

- PH stated he didn't have the Certificate of mailing or proof of delivery to the abutters.
- DB stated to PH that he needs the Certificate of mailing by Tuesday or the results from tonight's meeting will be moot.
- PH stated this is a proposal to re line a 36" culvert on the south west side of the facility to the north side of the facility removing 5,000-6,000 cubic yards of sand and back fill with clean sand.

The Commission wants a site visit.

- DB stated he will contact Mary regarding the site visit.

Public Hearing continued to 7/19/2012 @ 7:45 p.m.

8:00 p.m. Public Hearing: (Public Hearing to open June 21, 2012) Notice of Intent application submitted by Jalbert Engineering on behalf of K Duncan Strom & Charles to demolish and remove an existing 396 sq. ft. shed and construct a new ZBA approved 12' X 22' shed at 47 Caron Road.

- LJ stated this is for a proposed 12' x 20' shed on 4 Sonotubes 10' back from where the existing shed is now with a proposed versoloc retaining wall.

MOTION: By EG, seconded by DB to approve the plan.

Vote: 4/0.

8:15 a.m. Public Hearing: (Public Hearing to open June 21, 2012) Notice of Intent application submitted by Green Hill Engineering on behalf of N. Lynn Eckhert to repair a septic system to serve an existing camp at 146 Lane 8.

- MF stated this is a proposal to pump sewage from the existing camp on the property up to a septic tank to a leach field outside the 200'. MF stated he submitted a plan to Natural Heritage and has no response yet. MF stated he would use straw waddles.

Discussion regarding tying in the septic system with the upper house. The Commission suggested a site visit.

Public Hearing continued to July 19, 2012 @ 8:00 p.m.

8:30 p.m. Public Hearing: (Public Hearing to open June 21, 2012) Amendment to existing Order of Conditions submitted by Jalbert Engineering on behalf of Bishop and Linda Nawrot to construct a new attached garage at 88 Westwood Drive.

- LJ stated this is for a proposed new garage 26' x 26' with a couple of trees that will need to be removed.

The Commission would like a site visit and DB asked that the corners be marked.

Public Hearing continued to July 19th @ 8:15 p.m.

8:45 p.m. Public Hearing: (Public Hearing to open June 21, 2012) Notice of Intent application submitted by Trifone Design Associates on behalf of Julie Carmel to construct an addition to an existing single family home @ 38 Woodlawn Dr.

- Fred Trifone from Trifone Design stated this is a proposal for a 4' x 8' addition to the front of the house with a concrete foundation using a silt fence for erosion control.
- DB stated he would prefer using haybales.

MOTION: By DG, seconded by CM to approve.

Vote: 4/0.

9:00 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, re grading of lawn and landscaping at 62 Whittemore Road.

MOTION: By DG, seconded by CM confirming that the wetland limit is the edge of the existing edge of the wetland vegetation swale as depicted on the 6/20/2012 revised plan.

Vote: 4/0.

- Rick Para stated the water from the swale by the road will now flow backwards to the existing ditch. RP stated the swale is .003% which is 6" from the rear to the front.
- DB asked if the swale can handle a 10 year storm.

- RP stated yes. RP stated the proposed is within the 25' and 50' with crushed stone under the deck.
- DG asked about the drainage on the neighbor's property.
- RP stated there's an easement for drainage in the deed.
- CM suggested using a larger stone.

MOTION: By EG, seconded by CM to accept the revised plans as presented with the change to increase the size of the stone to 3"-6".

Vote: 4/0.

9:15 p.m. Public Hearing: (Public Hearing opened 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.

- DB stated he did a site visit and has no issues.
- MF stated they are proposing to tie into the same plumbing.

MOTION: By EG, seconded by DG to present the plans as presented for 261 Holland Road.

Vote: 4/0.

NEW BUSINESS

Complaints-178 Shepard Road-Tree cutting:

- DB stated he looked at the property and there was cutting done today outside the 200' by a registered Forester. DB stated the trees that were removed prior within the 200' were Tornado related and the homeowner stated to him he will send an e-mail tonight regarding this and that no stumps will not be removed.

Request for Certificate of Compliance:

43 Abrams Road:

- DB stated the site looked good.

MOTION: By DG, seconded by EG to approve the Certificate of Compliance.

Vote: 4/0.

16 Hunter Lane:

- DB stated the site looked good.

MOTION: By DG, seconded by CM to approve as per DB's observations.

Vote: 4/0.

Emergency Certification

Tantasqua Middle School-Work to be done after June 22, 2012.

- DB stated he received an emergency certification request from DPW in regards to deterioration around a catch basin at the TMS baseball field. DB stated DPW will

contract the work out but will have someone from their department overseeing the work which will start 6/22/12. DB stated he signed the emergency certification.

Letter Permits

419 Main Street:

- DB suggested postponing this tree removal permit since there is no paper work. *Site visit was taken after the meeting and the tree removal was approved per DB.*

MOTION: By DG, seconded by EG to adjourn @ 9:47 p.m.

Vote: 4/0.