

STURBRIDGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

November 1, 2012

Meeting Held at 308 Main Street

7:00 p.m. Open Meeting
Quorum check

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

Members absent: Joe Kowalski.

Also Present: Glenn Colburn, Conservation Agent, Denise Lachapelle, Glenn Krevosky, Mark Lovejoy and numerous residents for the 8:00 p.m. Public Hearing @99 Shepard Road.

Walk In's:

Roux Associates-Pipeline repair at McGilpin Road:

- Mark Lovejoy stated this is a request for an amendment for the Pipeline repair. The full length of the pipe in the marsh area is to be reinforced with wrapping. Two rows of aqua dams will be installed on either side of the Pipeline. ML stated water is proposed to be removed while the work is being done and will take about a week to complete and digging will be no deeper than 5'. ML stated he is proposing to pump water around the aqua dams and from between them, and back into the river. Soil that is dug out will be put back with no additional soil brought onto the sight. ML stated access will be from McGilpin Road. ML stated there is no cutting proposed and the vehicles used will have rubber tires. Mats will be used to avoid compaction of soils.

MOTION: By CM, seconded by EG to approve the revised plan DEP #300-874.

Vote: 4/0.

- GC asked to be contacted prior to work starting.

Committee Updates

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

- EG stated there was no CPA meeting.
- DB stated PLAC disbanded last Thursday evening and a MOTION was sent to the TA to present at the BOS meeting. DB stated that TC met and discussed the 24' Bog bridge extension which is complete. DB stated the TMPSC postponed their next meeting until November.
- DG stated the SLAC postponed their last meeting and will meet 11/3/2012 and continues to work on educating the public regarding lakes.
- GC stated a pile of tornado debris on the CRC property has been ground up. Trails Committee plans to use the material for a project at Shattuck Road.

Public Hearings

7:45 p.m. Public Hearing: (Public Hearing opened October 4, 2012 DEP #300-874) Notice of Intent submitted by Trifone Design Associates on behalf of Gerald Giroux for the demolition of the existing single family residence and build a new single family in its approximate place at 89 Shore Road. Mr. Trifone did not appear for the meeting.

MOTION: By EG, seconded by DB to continue the Public Hearing to 11/15/12 @ 7:30 p.m.

Vote: 3/0/1 abstention by EG.

8:00 p.m. Public Hearing: (Public Hearing to open November 1, 2012) DEP #300-876 Notice of Intent submitted by EBT Environmental Consultants on behalf of Mohd and Nazee Aslami, Ariana, Inc., for the construction of a six megawatt solar farm and associated site work, including construction of a new service road at 99 Shepard Road.

- Glenn Krevosky from EBT Environmental presented plans for a 6 Megawatt Solar Farm on 40 cleared acres with one wetland crossing using an open bottom culvert for access to the upland property to the north. GK stated the property has 5 vernal pools that have not been certified. GK stated there is no proposal to alter the grading on site; all the panels are proposed to be installed on existing grades.
- DB would like the paperwork submitted to NHESP for the vernal pools to be certified.
- GC asked how the vegetation around the panels is proposed to be maintained.
- GK stated around the panels will be loamed and seeded with a Conservation and grass mix. GK stated all trees on the property are proposed to be removed with the 50' edge left intact as a buffer zone to adjacent houses.
- The Commission asked numerous questions which GK will pass on to the Engineer for this project.
- The audience had numerous questions regarding their concerns for this project. These questions will also be passed to Quinn Engineering.
- Mr. Aslami stated the project is proposed to install the solar panels in three phases. In answering a question from the public Mr. Aslami stated the panels he is planning to use do not contain toxic materials.
- There was no representative from Quinn engineering present to answer the Conservation Commission's questions about storm water management.

MOTION: Public Hearing continued to 11/15/12 @ 7:45 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Letter Permits

9 Cedar Pond Road:

- GC stated this is a proposal for 9 trees to be removed with a portion of a dirt bank removed.
- CM stated on his site visit some of the trees looked good and suggested the applicant contact a certified arborist.

Consensus amongst the Commission that the applicant is to contact a certified Arborist and supply the Conservation Commission with a report.

- DB asked GC to send a letter to the applicant regarding the arborist. Enlarging the turn-around area will require filing a Notice of Intent.

82 Paradise Lane:

- GC stated this is a proposal to remove a large oak tree about 75-100' that is leaning towards the neighbor's house having no impact to the lake.
- DB asked GC to send a letter to the applicant that a certified Arborist be contacted.

Consensus amongst the Commission that the applicant contact a certified Arborist.

277 Leadmine Road:

- GC stated this is a proposal to install a 5' chain link fence around the rear of the house with a drive thru access gate and a 4' access gate in another area. GC stated posts are proposed to be cemented into the ground. All work is in the existing yard.

MOTION: By EG, seconded by CM to approve the request for a fence at 277 Leadmine Road.

Vote: 4/0.

Request for Certificate of Compliance

66 Mt. Dan Road DEP #300-596:

Consensus by the Commission to do a site visit at 66 Mt. Dan Road.

67 Arnold Road DEP #300-466:

- GC stated the site was well vegetated with no erosion issues.

MOTION: By DG, seconded by EG to issue a partial COC for 67 Arnold Road DEP #300-466.

Vote: 4/0.

146 Lane 8:

- GC stated he has a revised plan that shows work that was completed at 146 Lane 8.
- DB stated the site is stable.

MOTION: By DB, seconded by CM to approve the COC for 146 Lane 8 DEP #300-863.

Vote: 3/0/1 abstention by EG.

Correspondence

62 Mount Dan Road:

- GC stated that Kent Pecoy received his OOC for 62 Mount Dan Road.

36 Goodrich Road:

- GC stated this is a request for an extension to DEP #300-711 which is automatically extended for 4 years.

Complaints

38 Wallace Road:

- GC stated he received an anonymous complaint regarding excavation of top soil at 38 Wallace Road which he sent a letter to the owner of this property asking to contact the Conservation office.
- DB stated he will contact Mr. Cloutier to get more information.

31 South Shore Drive:

- GC stated he received a complaint regarding 31 South Shore Drive that shrubs were being planted within the riverfront area. GC stated he did a site visit and informed Mr. Allard (owner of the property) that a Letter Permit needs to be filed.

Meeting adjourned @ 10:03 p.m.