

STURBRIDGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
November 29, 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: Glenn Krevosky, Kevin Quinn and numerous residents for the 7:30 p.m. Public Hearing for Ariana Inc. Solar Farm project.

Committee Updates

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

Walk-ins: None.

Public Hearings

7:30 p.m. Public Hearing: (Public Hearing opened November 1, 2012) DEP #300-876 Ariana, Inc. NOI submitted by EBT Environmental Consultants on behalf of Mohd and Nazee Aslami, dba 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.

- DB read the withdrawal letter presented to the Commission by EBT Environmental Consultants, Inc. on behalf of Ariana Inc., for NOI DEP #300-876 filed with MA DEP and the Town of Sturbridge Conservation Commission on October 17, 2012.
- EG asked if the commitment to certify the Vernal Pools still holds.
- Glenn Krevosky consulted the applicant and stated the 5 Vernal Pools will still go forward to be certified.
- GC stated his concern regarding water leaving the property.
- Numerous questions from residents regarding their concern with the project.
- EG reminded the applicant of the 8% slope regulation in the Wetlands Bylaw.
- DB asked if the project is being downsized by 30%.
- Kevin Quinn stated yes.
- Bob Meunier asked that the new plans be made available to residents.

NEW BUSINESS

Letter Permits

326 The Trail-emergency tree removal:

- GC stated on his site visit he observed that the tree was leaning over the house and the root ball is broken. GC issued a Letter Permit to remove the tree, and asked the Conservation Commission to ratify the permit.

MOTION: By DG, seconded by EG to approve the removal of the damaged tree.
Vote: 4/0.

Amended Order of Conditions

Pine Ave.-DEP #300-865:

- GC stated this is for an amended OOC to place a single double-wide trailer rather than two single trailers as originally depicted in the plans. This would result in less disturbance in the Buffer Zone.

MOTION: By DG, seconded by EG to approve the amended OOC.
Vote: 3/0/1 recusal by CM.

Signatures collected for:

89 Shore Road- DEP #300-874. Order of Conditions

47 Caron Road-DEP #300-866. Certificate of Compliance

- GC stated the work looked stable and completed according to the plan.

66 Mount Dan Road-DEP #300-596 and 300-869. Certificate of Compliance

- GC stated this is for 2 different Order of Conditions ; one for the house and one for the deck.

94 Paradise Lane-DEP #300-818. Certificate of Compliance

- GC states this if for a drilled well. Area is stabile.

Big Alum-DEP#300-727. Permit Extension Act. automatic 4 year extension for herbicide treatment:

RDA-Streeter Road-Joe Overly for the cleanup from Tornado.

MOTION: By DG, seconded by CM to close the 7:30 p.m. Public Hearing.
Vote: 3/1 abstention by EG.

MOTION: By EG, seconded by DG to adjourn.
Vote: 4/0.