

STURBRIDGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
August 16th, 2012 Minutes

7:00 p.m. Open Meeting
Quorum check

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

Members absent: None.

Also Present: Jay DiGregorio, Chris Garieri, Leonard Jalbert, Arthur Godin, Jim DiMaio(not signed in) and Ron Comer(not signed in).

Walk In's:

10 Highland Lane-In Ground Pool:

- DB stated to Chris Garieri who is representing 10 Highland Lane that the pool construction, pool development and the amount of fill needs to be addressed.
- CG presented the pool plan to the Commission and stated since the site visit the pool site has been moved 10' closer to the house. CG stated material from the site will be used as back fill for the 6' of embankment.
- EG asked about maintaining the hay bale line.
- DB asked about the edge of the pool.
- CG stated 3' of concrete is proposed on the backside of the pool.
- EG suggested hay bales be put in place before starting work and a narrative regarding stabilization.
- CM suggested hay bales and silt fence be toed in.

Consensus to approve with no work to begin until a narrative is given to the Commission.

28 Wallace Road-To determine whether this project requires a Letter Permit or an NOI:

- LJ stated he is requesting this as a LP for an in ground pool 157' from the BVW at 28 Wallace Road. LJ stated he is asking for a continuation until the next meeting and that the Commission go on a site visit before the next meeting. LJ stated the site is flat and is already staked and hay baled and any excavation would be on the southerly side of the pool which would then be loamed and seeded.
- DB suggested a site visit by the Commission.

Continued to 9/6/2012 @ 7:30 p.m.

Committee Updates

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

- DG stated there is a boating safety course given by the state this Saturday at the Host Hotel from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. DG stated registration is on line at the town website.
- EG stated there was no CPA meeting.
- DB stated the PLAC meeting was cancelled.
- DB stated the TC didn't have a quorum.
- DB stated the TMPSC meeting is next Tuesday.

Public Hearings

7:30 p.m. Public Hearing: (Public Hearing to open 8/16/2012) After-the Fact Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by Arthur Godin to determine whether work to construct a ADA Ramp is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act and Local Wetlands Bylaw and Regulations.

- Arthur Godin stated this is for a 4'w x 8'l ADA ramp connecting the existing landing and the garage as an amendment to an existing NOI.

MOTION: By EG, seconded by CM to approve the amendment to the NOI.

- EG withdrew the motion.

MOTION: By EG, seconded by CM to approve the change with a Letter Permit.

Discussion:

- DG suggested the amendment be put on the plan.

Vote: 5/0.

OLD BUSINESS

66 Mount Dan Road-DEP site visit:

The DEP site visit for 66 Mount Dan Road is scheduled for August 23rd, 2012 regarding the 50' "No Build" Sturbridge Bylaw.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Certificate of Compliance:

261 Holland Road-DEP #300-828:

- CM stated the job is completed, seeded and stable.

36 Mount Dan Road:

- Lenny Jalbert requested a Certificate of Compliance.
- DB stated he walked the site and the Carport is solid. DB stated "As Built" plans were submitted and suggested signing the COC.

Abrams Drive:

- DB stated he received a complaint last Thursday evening regarding 43 Abrams Drive that trucks had been working at this property. DB did a site visit and about

6 yards of dirty stone had been placed on the driveway. DB stated he visited this property again Friday morning and left a note that no further work be done until they call him. DB stated he received a call back that their working on the landscape around the house 2' wide with 6" deep of 2" stone. DB stated that the Landscapers will cover the stone and wash it before placing it back down.

Forest Cutting Plan

Hamilton Rod and Gun Club-Jim DiMaio:

- Jim DiMaio, Forester gave an informational presentation to the Commission regarding treatment of invasive species within close proximity to the water. JD stated he has contracted with Northern Tree which everything will be done by hand using a back pack with a nozzle spray. JD stated the herbicide will lock into the soil and the plant leaves will absorb the herbicide.
- EG asked about Phase II of the project.
- DB stated that JD will need to come back to the Commission with a FCP.

Letter Permits

43 Abrams Drive:

- Discussion amongst the Commission regarding the removal of 9 trees at 43 Abrams Drive. The Commission will re-visit the site.

Complaints:

- DB stated he received a complaint last Thursday night regarding 43 Abrams Drive that work was being done there. DB stated he went to the site and left a note that no further work be done until someone from that property speaks with him. DB stated he spoke to someone Friday morning and stated that the stone in driveway be covered and washed until ready to be put back.
- The Commission suggested a site visit.

Cloutier Farm-Wallace Road:

- CM stated he has received numerous complaints regarding trucks bringing and hauling out material and the stream behind the property had a large release of water with an odor.

MOTION: By CM, seconded by DG to have DB contact Ed Cloutier to grant permission to go on the property.

Vote: 5/0.

Correspondence

Master Plan Implication discussion:

- Discussion amongst the Commission regarding the Master Plan.

John Root-E-Mail:

- DB stated he received an e-mail from John Root asking for a letter of endorsement from the Commission in order to apply for a grant to give a presentation on edible and perennial gardening and landscaping.

Consensus amongst the Commission to endorse the presentation.

Adjourn

MOTION: By JK, seconded by DG to adjourn @ 9:20 p.m.

Vote: 5/0.