

**STURBRIDGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**October 18, 2012**

7:00 p.m. Open Meeting  
Quorum check

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

Members absent:

Also Present: Glenn Colburn, Conservation Agent, Ron Komar, Bill Pylas, Jim DiMaio, Mr. and Mrs. Giroux (not signed in) and Fred Trifone.

**Committee Updates**

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

- EG stated there was no CPA meeting but as an FYI the matching funds from the state for CPA is about 44 %.
- DG stated there was no SLAC meeting.
- DB stated there was no TMPSC meeting.
- GC stated he attended the TC meeting on 10/11/12 and national public lands day was discussed for the Leadmine, CRC and Hein's Farm property. GC stated additional trail signs for Hein's Farm was also discussed along with an offer from Northern Tree for GPS using the town's Trimble unit. GC stated installing a Kiosk at Shattuck Road was discussed and he spoke with the Town Administrator regarding moving forward with the easement for OSV.
- DB stated there was a consensus with ConCom regarding the Kiosk at Shattuck Road and asked GC to contact the TC.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**MOTION: No motion or a call for second was made to approve the 10/4/12 Minutes by the Commission.**

**Vote: 3/0/2 abstentions by EG and DG.**

**Walk-ins:**

Forest Cutting Plan-Hamilton Rod & Gun Club- Jim DiMaio:

- JD stated as part of the Forest Cutting Plan he is requesting to thin some red pines along the lake shore with equipment that will prevent the trees from falling into the water.
- GC stated from his observation the trees should be thinned.

*Consensus to approve the Letter Permit.*

- CM recused himself.

## **Public Hearings**

**7:30 p.m. Public Hearing:** (Public Hearing to open October 18, 2012) DEP # 300-875 Notice of Intent submitted by Guaranteed Builders at 149 Shepard Road to build a 24 x 24 garage.

- Bill Pylas from Guaranteed Builders stated this is a proposal for a 24' x 24' garage about 70' from vegetated areas. BP stated any excess fill would be trucked off the property.
- CM asked if any fill is proposed to be brought into the property.
- BP stated if any fill is brought into the site it would be stock piled on the house side.
- DB suggested a drip strip on both sides of the garage 12" w x 8" deep with stone.

**MOTION:** By DG, seconded by EG to close the public hearing.

**Vote: 5/0.**

**MOTION:** By CM, seconded by EG to approve DEP #300-875 with no modifications.

**Vote: 5/0.**

**8:15 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 Rd.

- Fred Trifone presented revised plans to the Commission that showed a rain garden about 75 square feet and a drip strip that runs the full length on the right side of the house and under the deck on the left side of the house.
- JK asked what the difference is of impervious surface between what's existing now and what's proposed.
- FT stated the difference of impervious is 70 square feet not including the driveway and walkway which is proposed to be pervious pavers.
- CM asked to see the specs regarding pervious pavers.
- EG stated concerns with the project.

*Public Hearing continued to 11/1/12 @ 8:00 p.m.*

- Gerald Giroux, homeowner stated the proposed project is a vast improvement regarding water runoff as opposed to what is on the property now.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Tree Permits**

Request to remove 9 trees at 9 Cedar Pond Road:

- GC stated on his site visit he observed all the trees to look healthy except for 1 Hemlock. GC stated all the trees are flagged and suggested ConCom do a site visit.

Request to remove 1 tree at 82 Paradise Lane:

- GC stated this is a proposal to remove 1 Oak tree which he hasn't seen and stated the tree is marked.

**Conservation Commission re-organization, election of officers:**

**MOTION:** By CM to nominate EG for Chairman of the Conservation Commission.

- EG declined.

**MOTION:** By EG to nominate DB for Chairman of the Conservation Commission.

**MOTION:** By JK to nominate DG for Chairman of the Conservation Commission.

- DG declined.

**MOTION:** By JK to nominate CM for Chairman of the Conservation Commission.

*Discussion regarding DB staying on as Chairman of the Conservation Commission.*

- DG asked all in favor of DB carrying on as Chairman of the Conservation Commission.

**Vote: 4/1 by JK.**

**MOTION:** By DG to nominate CM as Vice Chairman of the Conservation Committee.

**Vote: 5/0.**

Winter Tree Scavenger Hunt:

- DB stated the Conservation Department is doing the Winter Tree Scavenger Hunt on the Hein's Farm property which begins November 23<sup>rd</sup>-December 31<sup>st</sup>. You can find more information on the Conservation website.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Re-vote the following projects heard at the October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Conservation Meeting.**

62 Mount Dan Road-Daniel & Shannon St. Onge-Proposed demolition and construction of a single family house and associated site work:

- GC stated he has revised plans showing the impervious surface under the deck with a planting on each side of the deck.

**MOTION:** By EG, seconded by JK to close the public hearing and issue an OOC for 62 Mt. Dan Road.

*Discussion regarding the impervious area under the deck.*

- EG stated that the area under the deck being enclosed came up at the last minute of the previous Public Hearing and understood the floor to be impervious and asked if anyone understood this differently.
- DB, and JK agreed with EG.

- CM suggested that the applicant come back to the Commission.

**MOTION:** By DB to approve the new plan as submitted.

**Vote: 0/5.**

*No call was made to second the Motion.*

*Public Hearing continued to 11/1/12 @ 7:30 p.m.*

1 Cooper Road-Stephan & Denise Campiglio-Repair to a Septic System:

**MOTION:** By CM, seconded by JK to approve the plans as submitted.

**Vote: 3/0/2 abstentions by EG and DG.**

36 Mt. Dan Road-John & Suzanne Stagis-Demolition of a single family home and carport and reconstruction of a single family home:

**MOTION:** By EG, seconded by CM to issue an OOC for 36 Mt. Dan Road.

**Vote: 3/0/2 by EG and DG.**

#### **Certificate of Compliance**

146 Lane 8:

- Discussion amongst the Commission regarding whether the work had been done as submitted.
- DB asked for an “As Built”.

**MOTION:** By EG, seconded by DB to adjourn @ 9:17 p.m.

**Vote: 5/0.**