

TOWN OF STURBRIDGE, MA -- CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Thursday, June 2, 2016

Approved 7/21/2016

Sturbridge Center Office Building, 2nd Floor

Working Session

Called to Order: 6:00 – 6:55 pm: Review of Sturbridge Wetland Bylaw Regulations
-- Present: Ed Goodwin, David Barnicle, Steve Chidester, Steven Halterman
-- Absent: Joe Kowalski

7:00 pm Reconvene Regular Business Meeting
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Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 pm. Chairman Ed Goodwin

Quorum Check: Confirmed

Members Present: Ed Goodwin (EG), Chairman
David Barnicle (DB), Vice Chair
Steve Chidester (SC)
Steve Halterman (SH)

Others Present: Glenn Colburn (GC), Conservation Agent
Anne Renaud-Jones, Conservation Clerk
Applicants and/or Audience Members: Leonard Jalbert, Ron Moreau, Mark Lavigne, Amy & Justin Howard, Bill Jarobski, Joe Mattero, Mark Hunter

Committee Updates:

CPA: Committee has not met

Trails Committee: Saturday, June 4th is National Trails Day; work will be done to complete the Burgess Elementary School Nature Trail.

Lakes Advisory Committee - is having meeting tonight; Glenn will share info from Mtg Minutes at our next meeting.

Walk-in None

Public Hearings

7:15 Notice of Intent: DEP#300-953; 272 Big Alum Road: Landscaping and lot improvement within the buffer zone. Justin & Amy Howard, represented by Jalbert Engineering;
Present: Justin & Amy Howard, Len Jalbert, and Mark Lavigne (ML) of Ground Effects Landscaping. Documents were presented to agent: abutter letter certificates, legal ad, and Certificate of Compliance from prior Order of Conditions. Len Jalbert (LJ) presented plan of work for installation of pervious bluestone patio and stairway and related landscaping; steep slope will be pegged sod, a vegetated swale will be constructed, outfall area will be vegetated as well; Newly graded areas will be seeded; All work is over 56' from shore. Area 25-50 foot is undisturbed. Work is within 50-100 foot; DB would like to see vegetation increased in the 25 foot zone. Revised plan showing detail of patio construction will be submitted to Agent.
Motion (DB), 2nd: to close the Public Hearing, approve the plan with discussed construction detail, an issue and Order of Conditions. Vote: AIF (4:0)

7:30 Request for Determination of Applicability, 479 Main Street, Kaizen Restaurant, Son Vo.
Pave existing gravel parking area. Install infiltration trench in the buffer zone.
Bill Jarobski and Joe Mattero of Mattero Construction presented plan indicating work area at Kaizen Restaurant; along right side of building to back edge of existing building. Work plan is to pave existing gravel

driveway, at the request of the Sturbridge Board of Health, in order to put the dumpster on impervious surface. Pavement will not exceed area currently used as driveway. Driveway is sloped down towards back property and wetlands. Site has berm at top of driveway, which will be maintained at paving to prevent any street runoff. An infiltration basin (trench) will be constructed at the bottom of the driveway, 15 ft wide, 2 feet wide, 18 inch deep, rock filled (6 inch minus). Will use mini-excavator, 1 scoop wide; dirt removed from site immediately. Commission expressed concern about current arrangement of the grease storage unit on the outside of the bldg. Commissioners expressed concern with fencing for the dumpster to prevent blow-away, and requested that all details discussed be in writing in a revised plan. **Commission granted request for continuation to June 16, and requests notations on revised plan to include a fence, final dimensions and specs for the infiltration basin, and a proposal for a secure and impervious base for the grease disposal.**

- 7:45 Request for Determination of Applicability, 440 Main Street, Sweet Kiwi, Son Vo .** Construction of 20' x 28' patio in existing paved parking area. Work is in the Riverfront Area. Represented by Mark Hunter of Ferrari Pool & Patio. Plan presented for a patio installation on the front right side of the Sweet Kiwi Frozen Yogurt building involving the removal of existing asphalt (to be removed from site), and patio of pervious blocks with a pervious "sweep sand" grout. Patio will be open (no cover) ; may need small amount of gravel brought in for grading purposes. 2 inches of sand base under pavers; otherwise no digging/disturbance. Exact stone being used has not been chosen yet; definitely pervious – Unilock brand. DB asked for "rain garden" or similar at either end of 60 foot span of existing guttered roofline.
- Motion (DB) 2nd: To close the Public Hearing and issue the following determinations:**
Positive #5: work is subject to review by local bylaw; and a Negative #2; work is within an area under protection by WPA, but will not alter the area. This project does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent.
VOTE: AIF (4:0)

Letter Permits

Tree Removal Application, 72 Shepard Rd, Ronald & Carol Moreau: Mr. Moreau was present: Commission visited the site but confusion about tree in question: Commission will revisit the site to view 100ft tall pine behind the house. **Continued.** Note: EdGoodwin is an abutter to this property, and recused himself from the discussion.

Tree Removal Application, 39 Goodrich, Mark Farrell - **APPROVED**

Tree Removal Application, 7 Cedar Pond Rd, Carol & Wayne Grenier – **Continued;** applicant is seeking a Certified Arborist report.

New business

Falcon Club of America notice of annual event at the Sturbridge Host for August 20th
Motion (DB) 2nd; To approve this annual event as we always have. Vote: AIF (4:0)

Enforcement

3 Ladd Road. Tree removal in the buffer zone and resource area without permit.
 - Plan will be presented on June 16th.

460 Leadmine Road, John Stevens. Restoration plan due 4/7/16. Restoration complete by 5/19/16.
 - Restoration work has not begun. Agent will write letter.

8 Birch Street, Richard DiBonaventura. Work in the buffer zone without permits. No movement.

9 Holland Road. Work in the Riverfront Resource Area without permits.
 - Notice of Intent submitted- on July 14th agenda.

Signatures:

Request for Certificate of Compliance

DEP#300-471, 16 Preserve Way, The Preserve - Partial for Lot 27 - - **SIGNED**

DEP#300-451, 63 Beach Ave, Dianna Aho. Background: While inspecting this property for a Certificate of Compliance, Agent found area of unpermitted concrete patio installation as well as a finished closed-in sunroom where an open deck had been permitted in 2001. Len Jalbert, Jalbert Engineering presented site photographs and discussed landscaping options including rain garden. Commission proposes remediation as follows: Concrete patio will be removed in its entirety. Suitable native vegetation will be planted within 25 foot zone. Project will be handled as a friendly enforcement action. No Notice of Intent will be required.

Continued to June 16th, when plan will be presented for final approval.

Order of Conditions

Order of Conditions signed for DEP #300-952, Tantasqua Regional School District; installation of turf fields; Agent has added special conditions so that if the Town of Brookfield has any requests within their OOC in conflict with ours, the more strict request should be upheld.

New Business

Agent has requested approval of the FY2017 budget of \$4,454 from the Wetlands Protection Fund for the partial salary (5 hours per week) of the Conservation Clerk.

Motion (DB); 2nd (SH) to approve as presented. Vote: AIF (4:0)

Agent Report:

- June 16th we'll be reviewing the Solar field planned at OSV; the site visit will be about an hour long. Commission decided to do this as a separate visit from the regular Tuesday site visits. Scheduled for Sunday June 12th 9:00am.
- Conservation Restrictions have not come back from the State review yet. They have been promised for next week.
- Geo-Cache event permit app is expected next meeting, but we have contacted Chief Tom Ford to discuss parking issues; he has been generous in offering police assistance in setting up reflective cones and triangles on the evening of this and other similar events to improve the safety in case cars park along that stretch of roadway at Heins Farm.
- Keith Mero of Tantasqua has informed us that the sign for Leadmine Mountain – and they will paint the routed lettering on this one to improve legibility.
- 81 Paradise - new house project has started; erosion controls look good; will be paying attention
- 21 New Boston Rd - project has started; erosion controls look good; will be paying attention
- Beavers at Heins Farm: commission needs to visit site so we can discuss as a commission
- Heins Farm hay fields - have spoken with Deb Gardner who has been delayed; I've told her to delay now until late July after bird nesting is finished....

Approval of minutes:

Minutes May 5th: Motion (DB) 2nd: To approve minutes with minor change. **Vote: AIF (4:0)**

Minutes May 19th: Motion (DB) 2nd: To approve minutes as presented. **Vote: AIF (3:0)** (Abstaining SH)

Motion to Adjourn

9:00 pm -- Motion (SC): 2nd: to adjourn the meeting; Vote: AIF (4:0)

Next Meetings: Thursday, June 16, 2016, with a Bylaw Regulation working session starting at 6:00 pm, Regular Meeting begins at 7:00.

A copy of tonight's meeting can be found on our Town's website or is available upon request via the Audio Department: 508.347.7267