

Meeting Notes

Re: Abbott Library Proposed Sunapee Harbor Site
Present: Tom Gilbert, Department Environmental Services
Pete Blakeman Blakeman Engineering
Greg Gribbsby, Pellettieri Associates
Faith Reney, Abbott Library
Barbara Chalmers, Abbott Library
Mike Durfor, Sunapee River Harborway Corp

Prepared By: Barbara Chalmers

On the above date, those noted above met at DES in Concord. The following is a brief summary:

1. Barbara provided Tom Gilbert with background information about the library project and proposed site including Building Committee land search, site current ownership, site historic land use, need to fund raise before site purchase / construction, and the Library Trustee's need to know the project is viable on this site before fund raising can begin. The Trustees want to make the library a model for sustainable sensitive site development. So, for example, permeable parking is planned.
2. Pete presented the preliminary site plan for the library. He reported that site as is exists today is 34% impermeable. Tom confirmed under the new regs:
 - Up to 20% impermeable is allowed – no Shoreline Protection Act (SPA) permit or stormwater management plan required.
 - Up to 30% impermeable allowed with stormwater management plan and SPA review. (30 day permit turn-around).
3. Tom confirmed:
 - A roof water catchment system would benefit the stormwater management plan, but would not make roof area a pervious surface.
 - Foundation and roof drain outlets may be discharged to a treatment swale, then flow to the river.
 - Riverway path and library patio would be considered accessory structures. Path of grass and wood chips is pervious. Pete noted the existing path will need to be re-routed around the parking area within the 50' setback. This is allowed if pervious. There are limitations on impervious patio area.
 - Construction temporary disturbance area provision was deleted from the regulation. Now 50% of site beyond the 50' setback zone must be left untouched. However, this site is totally disturbed beyond the 50' zone, so this provision would not apply. Any temporarily disturbed area in the 50' zone would be restored and replanted.
4. Pete asked for clarification on orientation of the 50' grid within the setback zone. Tom indicated grid can align with property line or be perpendicular to shore line. Smaller left over sections would be prorated.
5. Within the 50' zone, the filled area at the existing building to be removed can be regraded and reclaimed or left in place with new plantings.
6. Urban development zone certification process was discussed. Town vote could be pending State agency acceptance. Under this provision of the SPA, the Act would not apply to this zone, leaving land use regulations to the local level.

End Meeting Notes.