

SUTTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
December 7, 2011
MINUTES

Approved: _____

Present: Joyce Smith, Co-Chair, Alyse Aubin, Daniel Rice, Jack Sheehan
Unavailable: Mark Briggs, Chair
Staff: Wanda M. Bien, Secretary
Brandon Faneuf, Consultant

Project Updates

7:00pm

188 Manchaug Road

Present: Andrew Mosher, owner

A. Mosher explained that they removed three of the original four trees that were slated for removal. More trees need removal as two of the trees closest to the road are actually in the driveway, and one tree is in the proposed area of the septic. There are five other trees, not in the way, but the base of the septic fill will be covering up to five feet of those trees and those trees will die.

A. Aubin said there were a few trees indicated to be removed, and there was replanting to be done. Due to the contours and location of other trees torn up by machinery, there is no way to avoid others being removed. These trees should have been marked on the plan and included in the replanting plan, but the engineer didn't do that..

The secretary questioned if these trees were town trees, and said the owner needed to find out if they are within the roadway. Manchaug Road is a scenic road and he would have to check with the Town Planner to get permission to cut them down, if they are town trees.

B. Faneuf said a replanting plan is needed, however he isn't concerned because they are not close to the lake. He suggested replanting mountain laurel in place of trees.

J. Sheehan suggested he take the trees down and write Conservation a letter with his specific intentions, including pictures. A new replanting plan would have to be subject to the Commission's approval. Get that information to the secretary as soon as possible.

7:20pm

Gilmore Drive

Present: Steve O'Connell, Andrews Survey

Road acceptance by the Town

S. O'Connell explained Certificates of Compliance are needed for Phase I & II to clear the title for the road acceptance by the town. He reviewed information from the work done in the past. T

J. Sheehan explained the past information and trouble with the first infiltration basin. The Certificates should have been obtained prior to the road acceptance.

S. O'Connell said the plans are complete along with the crossing, which was in Northbridge, and everything is done for the Planning Board too.

Motion: To issue the Certificate of Compliance on both Phase I & Phase II, by J. Sheehan
2nd: D. Rice
Vote: 4-0-0

7:15pm

192 Hartness Road

Present: Robert Murphy, Murphy Engineering, James Ray, owner

Plan changes

This was moved to the end of the meeting, as we were waiting for R. Murphy to arrive.

NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS

None at this time

CONTINUATION

44 Putnam Hill Road

DEP#303-0731

The continuation was opened at 7:40pm. J. Smith read the hearing notice as it appeared in the Millbury Sutton Chronicle.

The project consists of replacing the existing failed septic system, to be replaced with a new Title V system. The leach field is within the buffer zone to a BVW and riverfront area.

Present: Mark Allen, Allen Engineering, for Marie & Richard Ovia, owners.

M. Allen reviewed the site visit done a few weeks before. The drain locations were found and put on the plans. The pipe found behind the house was for wash water, laundry, etc., and this system has been abandoned. The second pipe found was for once or twice a year back wash from the pool that goes to a man made ditch in the back of the property. The headwall from the drain around the house was located on the North side. The septic location was adjusted by 12-18 inches to avoid this drain.

Motion: To close the Public Hearing, by J. Sheehan
2nd: A. Aubin
Vote: 4-0-0

Motion: To issue an Order of Conditions, subject to the standard conditions based on the revised plans submitted by Allen Engineering dated November 19, 2011, by J. Sheehan

2nd: A. Aubin
Vote: 4-0-0

35 Carrier Lane

DEP#303-0732

The continuation was opened at 7:50pm. J. Smith read the hearing notice as it appeared in the Millbury Sutton Chronicle.

The project consists of construction of a new single family house, septic system and associated grading and utilities.

Present: Mark Allen, Allen Engineering, for Michael & Susan Charest, owners

M. Allen explained the revised plans from the last meeting and the previous site walk. He explained a 12" tree needs to be removed for the septic to be installed.

Motion: To close the Public Hearing, by J. Sheehan

2nd: A. Aubin

Vote: 4-0-0

Motion: To issue an Order of Conditions, subject to the standard conditions based on the revised plans issued by Allen Engineering dated November 19, 2011, by J. Sheehan

2nd: A. Aubin

Vote: 4-0-0

Leland Hill Estates 40B Subdivision

DEP#303-0701 to #303-0722

The continuation was opened at 7:50pm. J. Smith read the hearing notice as it appeared in the Millbury Sutton Chronicle.

The project consists of the Notices of Intent pertaining to the completion of a subdivision roadway and associated infrastructure as well as construction of a sewer pump station and twenty (20) single-family homes on individual lots. The proposed work is within the Buffer Zone adjacent to wetland areas subject to protection under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Town of Sutton Wetlands and Riverfront Administration Bylaw, on Map 12, Parcel 72, at 101 Leland Hill Road, Sutton MA.

Not Present: Arthur Allen, Eco Tec, John Burns, Black Brook Realty Trust, Stephen Rodolakis, Attorney for the applicant, Paul Hutnak, Heritage Design Group

The secretary stated she sent out a packet to John Burns, owner with the proposal from the Consultant and what fees were still owed to the Conservation NOI's.

B. Faneuf explained he found another 5 - 6 lots that were in the buffer zone that they did not submit NOI's for and this should be brought to their attention. Conservation should not be issuing any OOC to those lots without individual NOI's. He will contact Mr. Burns to come in with his representative to the January 18th meeting.

The secretary said there were 21 NOI's, the remaining Order of Conditions are typed up and ready to be signed by the Board, with each file having individual house plans. All 21 came in all at once. All the street numbers and addresses have been assigned by the Assessor's office and are located on each file.

J. Sheehan suggested that a letter go to the owner requesting that John Burns and his representative be at the January 4th meeting. They will still owe the Town fees and the Consultant Proposal. Those fees need to be paid before any action can be taken.

Motion: To continue, with the applicant's permission, to January 18, 2012, by J. Sheehan

2nd: A. Aubin

Vote: 4-0-0

Project Update

8:20pm 192 Hartness Road

Present: Robert Murphy, Murphy Engineering, James Ray, owner

R. Murphy explained the information received about the driveway. They raised the site because of the ground water issues. They reduced the size of the house and pushed it away from the wetlands. The driveway was constructed according to the plans and used stone two to three feet deep and then a gravel liner with the porous pavement on top. But you do not use a sealer and it looks like a base coat that is porous. This will need to be swept a few times a year. As part of the DEP report they need to use a limited amount of sand, and if the driveway gets clogged it needs to be swept for it to work properly.

B. Faneuf was concerned with the processed gravel (does not infiltrate) vs. bank run gravel, which is on the plans.

R. Murphy said that P & M Asphalt Services, Inc. was hired to do the driveway and the materials came from Aggregate.

J. Sheehan said they need to request a Certificate of Compliance, and they need to find out what material is under the driveway. If this is different from what is on the plan, we need to know what the effectiveness of the materials is.

J. Ray said his property is higher than that across the road. He told the Board about the pipe under the road that is backing up and pooling on this property. The water isn't going through the culvert. This is making the wetland area bigger. He asked if there was anything that could be done about this to make the water flow better.

B Faneuf pulled the area up on the GIS that showed this area. This showed that when the material was removed from the pipe entrance, the material was placed further in on the banks of the wetlands, only for it to move back in front of the pipe under the road.

R. Murphy suggested that the area be cleaned up, because the pipe is half full now, which needs maintenance.

J. Sheehan replied he should get in touch with the Mark Brigham at the Highway Department. They should also request a Certificate of Compliance.

BOARD BUSINESS

Board Business

Wetland Updates & Concerns:

7 Point Way - the Board reviewed the pictures taken in November, and the GIS. A letter would be sent to C. Windle to come in to the next meeting with his pictures taken after the storm on October 29th and 30th.

Approve Minutes of October 5, 2011, October 19, 2011, November 2, 2011, and November 16, 2011.

Motion: To approve the minutes of October 5, 2011, October 19, 2011, November 2, 2011, and November 16, 2011, by J. Sheehan

2nd: J. Smith

Vote: 4-0-0

The Board endorsed the permit for 297 Manchaug Road/Sharkey, and 538 central Turnpike/Gilbert, and also signed the Routing Slip for 172 Manchaug Road/Bronson.

Discussions:

410 Putnam Hill Road/WWD Pump Station – is in need of paving the driveway to the building so it won't erode.

30 Tuttle Road/Marion's Camp – there is erosion issues on the slope to the beach and in the upper field. Mr. Faneuf suggested using wattles, which this information would be passed on to the Town Planner. The Board will keep Mr. Faneuf on retainer for the future of this project.

34 Hough Road/Messier – a spring site visit would be done to review the replanted trees.

512 Central Turnpike/Linder – fees still owed to Maguire Group for this project need to be reviewed.

FYI:

27 Peach Tree Drive/Robert Edwards, owner had a drainage issue across his front lawn.

The Highway department will taking care of the swale in that area to redirect the flow.

42 Bond Hollow Road- there is a runoff issue within the driveway construction and the roadway that will be watched by the Conservation Consultant during the construction of the driveway.

The Board voted on the 2012 Meeting Schedule, noting that in July and August the meetings will be on the second and fourth Wednesdays, due to July 4th being the first Wednesday of July. In September they will resume to the original first and third Wednesdays to the end of the year.

Motion: To accept the Meeting Schedule for 2012, by J. Sheehan

2nd: D. Rice

Vote: 4-0-0

The Correspondence was reviewed.

Anyone interested in purchasing the DVD for any public hearing at this meeting, please contact Pam Nichol's in the Cable office or you can view the minutes and video at www.suttonma.org.

Motion: To adjourn, by A. Aubin

2nd: D. Rice

Vote: 4-0-0

Adjourned at 10:00pm.