

SUTTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

November 15, 2017

MINUTES

Approved: 

Present: Daniel Moroney, Chair, Joyce Smith, Co-Chair, Andrew DeWolf, Robert Tefft, and William Wence

Staff: Wanda M. Bien, Secretary
Brandon Faneuf, Consultant

Discussion

7:00 pm 169 Eight Lots Road – Chapter 61A – D. Moroney stepped down,

J. Smith read the review for this property. It was asked if this was done at the last meeting.

The Secretary explained that the last one was supposed to have been listed as **187 Eight Lots Road** not **169**, so this is the correct one for **169 Eight Lots Road**. The first review was for **187 Eight Lots Road**.

J. Smith replied she sees no reason for the town to keep the 61A.

R. Tefft explained the three lot split in question, and where they were located using the GIS.

B. Faneuf reviewed this property on the GIS showing the location of this lot as hay fields. Two fields would be cut off for a retreat lot, and there are some wet areas in the back of one of the fields. He sees no issues with this one.

Earth Removal – Off Hough Road- Bedoian earth removal permit

B. Faneuf reviewed this property on the GIS showing the location of the area in question. He explained where the wetlands are on the property, but suggested a site visit to check the area.

Public Hearing (Continuation)

7:05 pm 15 W. Sutton Road

DEP #303-0796

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:15 pm. D. Moroney read the public hearing as it appeared in the Millbury Sutton Chronicle.

The project consists of demolition of existing house and construction of a new single-family house, driveway, septic system, grading and utilities.

Present: Steve O'Connell, Andrews Survey, Paul & Lynn Dahlin, owners

S. O'Connell updated the past appeal information from the ZBA process, which was resolved. A settlement was reached, which has very specific terms. House size and house placement with no garage, are changes following the appeal from the abutter. The septic design plan is feasible. They asked for 7 to 8 variances from the Board of Health, including the septic design plan, which were successful.

B. Faneuf reviewed the old plan versus the new plan, on the changes made.

S. O'Connell replied they reviewed everything from the old plan to the new plan and made changes according to the settlement terms. He reviewed the trees that need to be removed and their location on the new plans.

It appears that more trees will be taken down with the new plan so additional plants may be required. Thought should be given to what additional mitigation will be provided

Motion: To continue, with the applicant's permission, to December 6, 2017 at 7:35 pm, by W. Wence
2nd: J. Smith
Vote: 4-0-1 A. DeWolfe

Project Update

7:45 pm 80 – 137 R Barnett Road/Subdivision/Lori Funari for George Funari, owners
DEP #303-0542 – from 2004

L. Funari was asked to come give and update on this project. She didn't know if this was still extended from last year, but the title has been cleared, so they need to know what is next.

D. Moroney said that the past filing has expired so they will need to refile the Notice of Intent to go forward.

Public Hearing (New RDA)

7:35 pm 26 Irma Jones Road

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:50 pm. D. Moroney read the public hearing from the Millbury Sutton Chronicle.

The project consists of removal of two dead trees, one endangering two houses one on the lake front side.
Present: John Langlois, owner Bill and Beverly Langlois

They are requesting to take down two trees that are within 100' of Lake Manchaug. There is a dead tree along the shore line, the other is a very large white pine tree about eight feet from the house and in danger of damaging the house. He has two quotes from an Arborist, talking about the white pine tree being too close to the house. The pine tree root system is very close to the top of the ground and is susceptible of breaking in a winter storm.

B. Faneuf said there were no issues except per the Commission's policy is to replace one for one.

D. Moroney explained if you take a tree down you put one up.

J. Langlois asked if it has to be in the same spot where the other tree is coming down.

B. Faneuf replied no, but closer to the lake if possible. The neighbor is on this filing also with Mr. Langlois, his brother Bill and his sister Ann too. This covers both 26 and 24 Irma Jones Road.

D. Moroney said that if he wanted to put some additional native shrubs by the lake that would work too.

B. Faneuf's recommendation is that the Commission issue a Negative Determination with the condition that they replace the dead tree with a couple of native shrubs in the same location or right next to it. And for the white pine, a 2.5 inch caliper tree gets planted in close proximity to the tree cut and closer to the water. An inspection would be done in the spring of next year.

Motion: To close the Public Hearing, by W. Wence
2nd: J. Smith
Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: To issue a Negative Determination of Applicability, with the condition of replacing the dead tree along the water with two native bushes, and a 2.5 inch caliper tree where the white pine tree is, by W. Wence
2nd: A. DeWolfe
Vote: 5-0-0

Project Update

7:40 pm 115 Leland Hill Road/Daniel Snyder, owner

B Faneuf reviewed what he saw on his site visit, nothing had been done.

No calls received from the owner, another letter would be mailed Certified to come to the next meeting.

Unexpected Business

8:00 pm 158 Hartness Road/Bradley Ragaini vs 77 Leland Hill Road/Sten Brote

Present: Sten Brote

S. Brote explained Mr. Ragaini hired skyhook to cut one tree, but they dumped the tree in the brook and left it there along with a mess.

J. Smith read the letter sent to Skyhook on October 25, 2017. A letter was also sent to Mr Ragaini.

As far as the Conservation Commission was concerned, that was the end of the issue. Mr Brote was going to remove the trees by picking them up with his excavator.

Board Business

Meeting Schedule for 2018 needs approval

Motion: To accept the meeting schedule for 2018, by J. Smith
2nd: W. Wence
Vote: 5-0-0

Minutes: October 18, 2017

Motion: To accept the minutes of October 18, 2017, by W. Wence
2nd: J. Smith
Vote: 5-0-0

Highway Review: **83/85 Griggs Road** – Highway needs to fix the culvert area under Roadway and wants to know what they need to file.

D. Moroney said it would be ok if they file the Request for Determination.

B. Faneuf would speak to the Highway supervisor and explain what else is needed for this project.

Planning Reviews: **169 Eight Lots Road** - Chapter Land – 3 lots Phase III and
Rich Road – Retreat Lot, see 7:00 pm

8:20 pm Off Hough Road/Route 146 – Mary Bedoian – Earth Removal - Permit Renewal

D. Moroney replied the Conservation had no issues with this permit renewal.

Discussion: **51 Burbank Road**/Peter Sangermano – need report on the wetland area.

B. Faneuf would contact Glenn Krevosky for the report and the request for the Certificate.

Need Site Visits for: **10 Partridge Hill Road** – fence relocation

A letter was received from Mrs. Jenese's lawyer, and reviewed. The fence needs to be moved by March 1, 2018 or the Commission will start to fine the owner until the fence has been moved out of the wetlands buffer.

A letter would be sent to the owner, as to what is to be done next.

1 Maple Street/John Polucha, owner – we received this paperwork on 11-06-17 however the invasive Japanese Knotweed has not been removed. We need to send out a letter to the owner to remove the Knotweed before the Certificate of Compliance could be issued.

289 Putnam Hill Road – report on signs

B. Faneuf did the site visit with Mario Gameau to review the location of the wetland signs, and explained what still needs to be done. It's ok to put the poles in from National Grid's end of the project.

Need to sign C of C's:

44 Lackey Road/Michael & Cynthia Zilioli, owners

A letter would be sent to remove the invasive plants to get their Certificate of Compliance.

612 Central Turnpike/Gary Vaillancourt, owner

Motion: To issue a Certificate of Compliance for 612 Central Turnpike, by W. Wence

2nd: A. DeWolfe

Vote: 5-0-0

28 Hemlock Drive/Travis Brown, owner

Motion: To issue a Certificate of Compliance for 28 Hemlock Drive, by W. Wence
2nd: J. Smith
Vote: 5-0-0

297 Manchaug Road/Mark Hester, owner

This one still needs a letter from the engineer Bill Drexel for the Certificate of Compliance.

198 Uxbridge Road/Household Finance DEP 00#303-395 - 1998

This was continued to December 6, 2017 waiting for the engineers letter.

Letters sent to: **198 Manchaug Road/Kevin Steele, owner**
B. Faneuf did a site visit, the erosion controls are ok.

Bylaw Review & Guideline Changes: Sub-Committee

Guideline changes: Sub-committee review: No progress yet.

Correspondence & Track Sheet Review

Site Visits: to do list

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

Motion: To adjourn, by W. Wence
2nd: J. Smith
Vote: 5-0-0

Adjourned at 8:45 pm

Conservation Sign in Sheet

Date: 11-15-12

Name	Address & or Email	Agenda Address
Theresa Darden	15 W. Sullivan	15 W. Sullivan
John Langley	15 W. 8 Newton Dr	15 W. Sullivan
John Darden	8 New Town Dr	15 W. Sullivan
Steve O'Connell	104 Madison St., Wb.	15 W. Sullivan Rd.
Jackie Strout	26 Jones Rd	
John Langley	98 Convent St Wisc	
Bob Darden	" "	
John Darden	77 1/2 W. 11th St.	
Michael Darden	158 Heston Rd.	
David Darden	" " "	