

In attendance:

Stacy Parsons (Chairing)

Joe Trybus

Jack Hickey

7:30 pm

Request for Determination, 123 Narragansett Avenue, Floyd Passardi

- Reviewed site plan and photos.
- Proposing to demolish and rebuild garage in new location farther from the road and beside the house. Work will occur within the 100' buffer but not closer than 50 feet. Erosion controls will be installed prior to the start of work.
- Unanimous approval. Issuing Negative Determination.

7:45 pm

Informational meeting with Mark Siegars, representing the Baker Hill Road District

RE: stormwater concerns

- Submitted DVD with clips from 5 different storm events documenting conditions. Most of the segments were recorded in April and May, before the area was seeded.
- Reviewed segment showing MassHighway on site. MassHighway investigated the area along the farm, decided to add two catch basins, reshaped contours to catch more water, armored the drainage swale along the property line. Water caught by the two catch basins discharges under the Mall Road into catch basin 6.

RE: Runoff from the field

- Previous open field segmented into farm under agriculture preservation that is leased to a farmer and separated from the Petricca/Unistress area by a recently constructed privacy berm. All work was reviewed by the City of Pittsfield but not Pittsfield Conservation. M. Siegars is concerned that no one reviewed the stormwater/runoff situation prior to the berm being built.
- Reviewed site plans and hydrology of the farm area. Hill Engineering did drainage calculations for the Petricca/Unistress portion but seemingly not for the section of farm land.
- Reviewed detention basin plans for the detention basin on the Petricca property (approx.. location across from wastewater treatment plant). State had discussed detention basin with Petricca and ultimately ended up redirecting the discharge back to the Petricca property when they took the easement for the Mall Road.
- Concern is not about accepting the amount of water coming off the property as the Mall recharge area is oversized for the site, but there is a large amount of silt/topsoil/sediment that is entering the Mall's storm drain system that is impacting function and requiring additional maintenance. There were also issues with closing and stabilizing the access road that was used during construction.
- On the Petricca side of the berm, the work pad has been built up @ 11 feet. Hypothesis is that the water coming off the farm is bouncing off the berm and redirecting toward the

Mall Road versus following the former topography. Contour lines do show areas where there are ditches that pick up some of the sheet flow off the farm.

- Discussion also around how the field is being plowed and the loss of topsoil before planting occurs.

RE: Route 8 drainage area

- MassHighway may have located the drainage plans from the late 50's/early 60's that show the stream and the drainage as it existed at that time.

Next steps:

- Conservation will do more observations during rain events to be better informed about what is happening in that area.
- Pittsfield Conservation will be copied on our notes as the area of concern is located in Pittsfield.
- S. Parsons will follow up with Aimee Thayer, USDA regarding concerns about the farm.
- M.Siegars will provide plans and information as he researches the area.

8:30 pm

Request for Determination, 720 Williamstown Road, John Goerlach

*John had spoken with J. Trybus and was not able to attend this meeting

- Reviewed information from informal discussion at public hearing on 8/1/11 and project narrative.
- Reviewed site plan and photos. Work is proposed to address foundation, repair foot bridge, and install septic system.
- Unanimous approval. Issuing Negative Determination.

Other Business:

- Reviewed budgets. Finance Committee approved transfer of \$108.00 for MACC annual dues and the invoice with current Conservation Committee roster has been submitted.
- 514 South Main Street, Fran Kelly: will be taking down one tree near the edge of the lake. Tree is dead and will be removed by Gordon's Tree Service. S.Parsons reviewed that no part of the tree is to go in the lake and all work is to stay as far away from the edge of the bank as possible. Also seeking to take down a burned trailer on the property. No permit through Conservation needed as it is well more than 100' away from the lake.
- 202 South Main Street, Scott Williams: taking down a willow that is split down the middle with one half poised to fall on the house and the other to fall on the Fire Department. Work to be done by Kevin Holland. In the future, looking to demo two cottages and a garage on the property. Will be seeking permitting through Conservation. Offered to walk the property and advise if needed.
- Received and reviewed amended cutting plan for 50 Quarry Road.
- General Mail

*Due to Labor Day our next meeting will be held on 9/12/11 starting at 7:30 pm