

Conservation Commission Meeting September 13, 2010

In Attendance:

Stacy Parsons (Chairing)

Joe Trybus

Jack Hickey

Mary Weeks

7:30 pm

RDA for 93 Prospect Street

Lee Hauge, Lanesborough Village Fire & Water District

Randy Brown, Tighe & Bond

David Evans, Property Owner

Mrs. Pirzl, Abutter

- Proposed construction of a 750,000 gallon water tank
- Planning Board will be reviewing the subdivision plan. Evans is selling land to the Fire & Water District for construction of the tank.
- Reviewed existing conditions and location of existing tank. Existing tank was built @ 1920 and holds 300,000 gallons. New tank is 750,000 gallons, 60 ft. in diameter, and @37 ft. in height. Construction activities will include fencing the new tank and a small accessory building.
- Construction vehicles will access the site through the existing access road on the Jackson property. Road will be upgraded, partially paved due to grade, and extended to access the site.
- Reviewed site plans. Wetland analysis conducted by Tighe & Bond initially in February 2010 to identify suspected resource areas. Did not flag boundaries until later in the growing season. Delineation was completed on June 29<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup>. Identified (2) non jurisdictional isolated wetlands. If work is proposed that impacts the isolated wetlands, work would need approval through the Army Corps of Engineers. One Bordering Vegetated Wetland with an associated intermittent stream was identified in the southeast portion of the site. 100 ft buffer falls just short of the property line. Reviewed old plans from 1996 and could not locate the old stream channel on site.
- Reviewed reasons isolated wetlands were not jurisdictional. No certified vernal pools on site. Wetlands were verified by soils and the change in vegetation. Soils were saturated but not pooling.
- Work will be @ 50' from the isolated wetlands. Limit of clearing will also be @ 50' from wetlands. Isolated wetland is located uphill of the work area.
- Installing fencing around new tank with 8x8 security building.
- Reviewed stormwater issues. Will be using erosion control blankets for slopes 3:1.
- Mrs. Pirzl: question about definition of an intermittent stream. There is a spring on the property but no continuous channel. Reports that it flows year long on Pirzl property where there were previously identified resource areas. House is below grade and slightly downhill of the tank.
- No swales proposed. Final grade will be similar to existing grade. Mrs. Pirzl raised a concern about the existing overflow valve. New overflow valve will match location of

existing overflow. Old overflow valve was faulty. L. Hauge asserted that the overflow goes out onto Prospect Street, not onto the Pirzl property. Reviewed site plan. Overflow consists of (1) 14" pipe that flows over land to the south. Site visit will occur on Tuesday to determine flow of water from overflow pipe.

- Unanimous vote. Issuing Negative Determination.

7:50 pm

Request for 3 year Extension for Drawdown of Pontoosuc Lake

Lee Hauge, Harbormaster

- Current permit doesn't expire until November. Requesting 3 year extension of the drawdown permit with no other changes. Will be working on a permit application for a 6 foot drawdown once every three years. Discussed possible joint meeting with Pittsfield Conservation to coordinate permit applications and conditions.
- Unanimous vote. Issuing 3 year extension.

8:00 pm

Informational meeting with Bob Barton re: 33 Narragansett Ave.

- Will be submitting RDA for dock permit for the October meeting. Answered questions about the form and filing with the Commission.
- Conservation received copy of public notice under Chapter 91 Waterways Permit Guidelines.
- No further action taken.

8:10 pm

Informational meeting with Steve Parker, 41 Sunrise Street.

- Basement wall in need of repair. Proposing dig trench under existing deck and construct a concrete brace to reinforce the wall. Trench will be @4' deep and 25'-30' long. Trench work will extend out as digging needs to be stepped out for safety. Discussed that erosion control measures (hay bales and silt fence) will be used as needed. Stockpiled material will be stored away from the lake.
- No further action taken. Will require filing for a permit if work is not completed by mid-October.

8:20 pm

Informational meeting with Bill Pachoa

- Discussed possibility of holding 1 meeting for all people requesting permits for dock construction in order to stream line the process.
- S. Parsons will contact Harbormaster and DEP to see if there are any models in the State for a similar process.

Other Business:

- Reviewed budget statements. Discussed the accounts and their uses.

- Discussed concerns being raised re: Petricca property on Baker Street. Unconfirmed reports that a road is being built. BCAP reviewed the GIS information and there are resource areas on site. S. Parsons will draft an informational letter for review.
- J. Trybus: update on site visit to the Fire Department with Mark Stinson, DEP. No wetland violations observed. Discussed voluntary removal of invasive plants located in Bordering Vegetated Wetland.
- J. Trybus completed State Ethics Training and submitted certificate to Selectmen.
- Reviewed email concern received regarding work at 29 Profile Street.
- LAPA West Conference to be held this October.
- Received plan showing the 100 year flood plain for 29 Profile Street
- Received copy of Supplemental Witness List for OADR re: 25 Brodie Mountain Road
- Received daily inspection report for WMECO Partridge Road Substation Project.
- Received ZBA meeting notice for 9/20/10 re: access road off of Brodie Mountain Road for purpose of accessing wind power generation facility.
- General mail.