

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2013

In attendance:

Stacy Parsons (Chairing)

Jack Hickey

Joe Trybus

Dean Maynard, observing (to be sworn in on 4/8/13)

7 pm

Request for Determinations for 3 Orchard Street (Barzousky) and 15 Narragansett Ave (Callahan)

John Goerlach, Contractor

Mike Callahan, property owner

Kathleen Zaks, abutter

**J. Trybus disclosed potential conflict of interest.*

- Reviewed site photos submitted by J. Goerlach
- Reviewed site plan and construction sequence. Proposing replacement of the existing retaining wall using 6" blocks. Wall will be between 2 ½ -3 ft. tall, with one block buried, and extend across the two properties. Wall would follow existing shoreline and be no taller than the existing lawn. All work would have to be done before the lake rises or during drawdown of next year. Final work might need to be done from the lawn as the lake is starting to rise already.
- Each property will have a section of steps to the lake and for placement of their dock. Discussed issues related to Ch. 91 licensing. M. Callahan stated he has a dock license.
- Discussed vegetated buffers mentioned in the application. Looking to expand the existing garden. Recommending 3'-4' buffer to catch nutrients and pollutants coming off the lawn.
- Discussed 12" tree where the wall meets the Zaks property. Believed it will not impact the construction of the wall. Discussed possibly grinding the stump if necessary.
- Unanimous approval for both projects. Informed contractor about the appeal period. Issued permits for both retaining walls.
- General discussion about the runoff from Orchard Street and possibility of looking into a stormwater grant through DEP.

7:45 pm

Informational discussion about the possible solar project/senior housing property.

- Reviewed draft plan.
- Set up site visit to property on Friday, 4/5 at 4 pm. J. Hickey will contact Bob Ericson, Energy Futures Chair about meeting us to discuss the possible project.

8:00 pm

16 Old Williamstown Road

- Informational meeting with John Goerlach about work on septic and setbacks from the river.

- Septic voluntarily failed due to the location from the spring. Possible that a new leach field, in approximately the same area as existing would be needed. No work may be required depending on the location of the well.
- No further action taken by the Commission.

Other Business:

- Reviewed budget statements
- Received copy of DCR *Terra Firma #2- Caring for Mature Trees*. Passing report to the Tree and Forest Committee for their review.
- Reviewed and re-approved Guidance for Hiring Outside Consultants.

Adjourned 8:30 pm