

Conservation Commission Meeting

May 4, 2015

In attendance:

Stacy Parsons, Chairing

Rich Weisenflue

Joe Trybus, recused for 7 pm meeting and left meeting room

Dean Maynard

Jack Hickey, 7:20 pm

7:15 pm

Request for Determination, Old Ore Bed Road

Michael Kulig, Berkshire Engineering, representing the Fire & Water District

Laurie A. Smith, abutter

Mark Patnode, abutter

Tim Sherman, abutter

- Proposed installation of an 8" water line from the intersection of Old Ore Bed Road and Balance Rock Road to 99 Old Ore Bed Road.
- Reviewed site plan and jurisdictional areas, BVW, intermittent, and perennial stream.
- All work contained to the roadway. Five hydrants to be installed. Work covered at the end of the day. There will be connection stubs along the line available for residents who choose to tie in.
- Will have erosion controls on site for use if needed (ie. straw waddle). Work will not occur during wet weather.
- Town will do most of the work themselves. They may use directional drilling to cross under the stream if financial feasible. Excavated sections will be closed at the end of work.
- Unanimous approval. Issuing Negative Determination.

7: 20 pm

Informational meeting regarding gravel bed, Gulf Road

Dudley Billings, DR Billings representing landowner

- Reviewed site plan. Looking to excavate the rest of the hill and create a hill. There are people that are dropping debris on the flat area. Was used to store steel years ago. Billings excavated material for building projects 35 years ago.
- 10/19/07 is the date on the delineation plan. Indicates wetland resources, intermittent stream, riverfront area, and associated buffer zones. Replication area also shown on plan. Plan was not drawn up in response to an enforcement order.
- Mining permits would need to be pursued through another Board.
- S. Parsons questioned the presence of a possible intermittent stream. Set second site visit for 5/8 at 9 am to re-inspect.

Informational meeting regarding KinderMorgan Pipeline with concerned citizens

Joan Devoe
Cassie Carmon
Lyndon Moor

- Shared concerns regarding the construction of the pipeline (quality of the steel, location of shutoffs, safety of the pipeline, pollution)
- J. Devoe read prepared statement with research about the pipeline. A copy was not submitted to the Commission.
- The Commission referred questions regarding the aquifer to the Water Commission.
- S. Parsons explained review process under the Wetlands Protection Act and referred citizens to FERC.org to participate in the public input process. The role of local Commission's role in project review is unclear once the federal permit is issued, including whether the project will be required to go through local permitting.
- J. Devoe submitted information regarding safety of pipelines and safety history of KinderMorgan and contact information for elected officials that they are contacting.
- No action taken on behalf of the Commission.

Other Business

- Request for Certificate of Compliance, 20 Williamstown Road. Reviewed file. Proposed playground was never constructed. Unanimous approval of Certificate of Compliance.
- Approval of April Meeting minutes.
- Review of budget statements
- S. Parsons met with owner, Jim Benson on May 1st regarding proposed parking lot improvements, Arizona Pizza, RT. 7. No jurisdictional areas observed. Discussed possible stormwater considerations for the parking lot. No further action requested by the Commission.
- Review of KinderMorgan presentation from 4/28/15. J. Hickey, D. Maynard, and S. Parsons in attendance. Minutes of the meeting are on file with the Selectmen's Office.
- Received copy of Simplified Waterways License for 616 South Main Street, Thompson property.
- Received notice of ZBA meeting on 6/15/15 regarding an application for 41 Imperial Street for construction of a porch.
- Reviewed septic plan for Pat's Gun Shop per request by the Board of Health. No further action required by the Commission.
- Informational discussion regarding Laston Field parking issues
- Discussed complaint regarding leveling and clearing work being done by Petricca Industries on Route 8. Reviewed maps of the area to determine if there were jurisdictional areas.