

Conservation Commission Minutes

June 3, 2013

In attendance:

Stacy Parsons (Chairing)

Joe Trybus

Dean Maynard

Rich Weisenflue

Lee Hauge, Harbormaster

Bill Prendergast, Selectman

7:00 pm

Informational meeting with Harbormaster and lake residents regarding dock licensing process.

- Patti Simonetta and Rita Quirk are both pursuing licensure through the Ch. 91 program.
- Clarified that all questions/concerns regarding docks on the right of ways should be directed to the Board of Selectmen
- The Commission will create a FAQ document to assist property owners.

7:10 pm

Request for Determination, 1 Orchard Ave, Betitt

- Seeking permitting through Ch. 91. Reviewed Simplified Waterways License application.
- Reviewed Waterways Application site plan and WPA Form 1.
- Unanimous approval. Issuing Negative Determination.

7:15 pm

Request for Determination, 3 Orchard Ave, Barzousky

- Seeking permitting through Ch. 91. Reviewed Simplified Waterways License application.
- Reviewed WPA Form 1 and Waterways permit. Clarified that the dock is to be extended to 32' in length.
- Unanimous approval. Issuing Negative Determination.

7:20 pm

Request for Determination, 169 Narragansett Ave, Murphy

- Seeking permitting through Ch. 91. Reviewed Simplified Waterways License application.
- Reviewed Form 1 and Waterways License application/site plan
- Unanimous approval. Issuing Negative Determination.

7:30 pm

Notice of Intent, 636 South Main Street, Taylor

Dan Lovett, Hill Engineering

Tom Hamill, attorney for the property owner

Eric Taylor, property owner

- Proposing to construct boat house, 2 floating docks, 2 cottages, and redevelop the existing buildings. Property is currently zoned commercial.
- Reviewed project plans, site visit information, and site photos. Existing 2 family home will be renovated utilizing the same footprint. There will be no loss of flood storage. Approximately 70' of additional flood storage area will be created by the creation of a grassed path approximately 1' from the shoreline to access the docks and excavation for the boat house.
- (2) docks will be installed, extending out approximately 50' from the shoreline. The dock extends that far in order to better protect the lake bottom.
- Boat house (26'x30') proposed to be located 10' from the bank. The boat house is sized to hold (2) pontoon boats. As an accessory building, a cottage cannot be constructed on top of the building per ZBA requirements. Siding will be added to the sides of the building to address concerns about the view from the lake.
- Two cottages will be constructed @ 60' from the shoreline sized 23'x34'.
- The stairway that provides lake access will be upgraded.
- The ZBA has issued a permit for the redevelopment. A Ch. 91 license will be required for the docks and boathouse.
- Project is compliant with the stormwater standards. Reviewed stormwater standards and structures on site. The paved parking lot will be changed to gravel.
- The property will be abandoning the septic system and attaching to the Town sewer line.
- Reviewed erosion and sedimentation prevention plan. De-watering may be required as part of the construction process using a silt bag and located along the shoreline to discharge. Some trees within the buffer zone will be removed. The hillside will be replanted with native seed mix and using a semi-permanent erosion control blanket.
- Reviewed planting plans. Native vegetation will be used within 50' of the shoreline. Native vegetation will be used in the rain garden. Screening trees and plantings along the buildings will be planted per the submitted planting plan.
- Voted 3-1 to issue the Order of Conditions for the project.

8 pm

Information meeting with Ed Bushey (Bull Hill Rd) and Fran Tremblay (19 Narragansett Ave).  
regarding the Orchard Street Right of Way

- Concern about the retaining wall for 1 Orchard Street extending into the right of way.
- Shared concerns about vehicles parked in the right of way and a boat launch floating at the end blocking access. Referred to the Board of Selectmen for the right of way concerns.
- J. Trybus offered to meet on site and review concerns. S. Parsons will email home owner and work to set up a meeting. L. Hauge would like to attend also.

Informational meeting with Ron Tinkham, Baker Hill Road District

- Pittsfield Conservation will be meeting on Thursday at 6 pm to discuss the Petricca Stormwater project.
- No action was requested or taken by the Conservation Commission.

**Other Business:**

- Received letter from Div. of Fish and Wildlife re: vernal pool data updates on Mass GIS. S. Parsons sent contact information for the Commission as all updates regarding vernal pools will now be received via email.
- Received notice of dock license application for 195 Narragansett Ave, Patricia Simonetta. Received notice of Waterways Application from DEP for this property on 5/22/13.
- Received ZBA meeting notice for 585 South Main Street regarding change in use of an existing structure.
- Received notice of Pontoosuc Lake Herbicide Treatment on 5/29 via email.

**Adjourned 8:45 pm**