

Conservation Commission Meeting

April 6, 2015

In attendance:

Stacy Parsons, Chairing

Jack Hickey

Dean Maynard

Rich Weisneflue

Joe Trybus (8 pm)

7 pm

Notice of Intent (continuation) for Bull Hill Road, Passardi property

Sarah Schultz, SK Design Group

James Torra, abutter

Catherine Street

- Reviewed site plan. Single family home with driveway access from Bull Hill Road. House and driveway outside the buffer zone.
- Resource areas: bank of intermittent stream, BLSF, bank of Pontoosuc Lake, not redelineated from enforcement order from 2007
- Clear-cut for the house and clean vegetation on old field road to the lake. Unpaved path will continue to the lake.
- Vista clearing, leaving stumps in place to prevent erosion.
- Septic in the rear of the house
- NHESP-no adverse impact, DEP issued file number
- Existing dock on site. Seeking Ch. 91 license.
- Discussed clearing limits. Add condition to prohibit clearing beyond limits of work/clearing shown on plan and documented in NOI application.
- No objections or concerns shared by the abutter.
- Unanimous approval.

7:15 pm

Request for Certificate of Compliance, 14 Williamstown Road

Meghan Myers, Guntlow & Associates

- Permit issued in 2002 for footbridge, stormwater, and walkways. DEP File # 194-111.
- No continuing conditions listed on the original order.
- Unanimous approval. Issued a Complete Certificate of Compliance.

Request for Certificate, 20 Williamstown Road

- Order issued in 2003, DEP File No. 194-125
- Reviewed site plans. V. Guntlow conducted site inspection and confirmed all conditions met in letter to the Commission dated March 24, 2015.
- Unanimous approval. Issuing Complete Certificate of Compliance.

Request for Certificate of Compliance, 20 Williamstown Road

- DEP File No. 194-132, issued in 2004

- Work was permitted but never started. Permit has lapsed and is no longer valid.
- Unanimous approval. Issuing Certificate of Compliance due to lapsed permit.

Reviewed previous filings. One additional Order of Conditions document (194-0159) was identified.

7:30 pm

Review of *Hiring Outside Consultants Under G.L. Ch. 44, 53G*. Vote needed.

- Reviewed history of the legislation, process, and procedures under the regulations
- Motion to approve by J. Hickey. R. Weisneflue seconded.
- Unanimous approval

8 pm

Ratified Certificate of Compliance for 12 Quarry Road approved at the March meeting.

Other Business:

- Approve January, February, and March minutes
- Review budget statements. Reimbursement for J. Hickey for attending the MACC Annual Conference submitted. Invoice for Ken Wagner presentation submitted.
- Discussion of the Ashwillticook Trail Extension and potential joint meeting with Pittsfield Conservation Commission to review.
- Received Yearly Operational Plan for Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company
- Received Forest Cutting Plan for Potter Mountain Road, Manruk property
- Received Forest Cutting Plan for Old Ore Bed Road, Plaza property
- Received Notice of Waterways License application for 173 Narragansett Ave, Murphy
- Received Demand Letter and Notice of Presentment for 75 Old Ore Bed Road, Trybus. J. Trybus recused himself from the discussion.
- Discussed cutting plan from Old Williamstown Road, Ziontz property. All permits in order per review of the file. S. Parsons spoke with P. Grima, Forester, who re-checked the property. J. Trybus followed up on complaint regarding siltation of a culvert. Catch basin outlets into a residential backyard.
- Discussed process for responding to complaints from community members.
- Shared training offered by MACC on April 11th at BRPC and Open Space Conference in May.

- Discussed site visit to Gulf Road. Reviewed site plans submitted by Todd Andrews, DR Billings. Discussed possible age of the gravel bed based on local knowledge and GIS data presented. Area will need to be delineated if permit application is filed. No action taken by the Commission.
- State Ethics Committee has contacted the Town Administrator regarding 1 Orchard Ave, Betit property. Town Secretary submitted copies of the permits issued by Conservation. No further action by the Commission.
- Discussed flooding observed at 35 Williamstown Road. Reviewed old site plans.
- S. Parsons reviewed site visit to Olde Forge. Kirk Grippo is working with Emily Stockman, Stockman Associates, to delineate the resource areas and develop plans for parking area, build an addition to the office building, and site a barn for catering events.

Adjourned 8: 55 pm