

In attendance:

Stacy Parsons (Chairing)

Joe Trybus

Jack Hickey

Samantha Trybus, observing

7 pm

Request for Determination, 42 National Street

E. and M. Coker, property owners

- Proposing to remove and rebuild existing retaining wall. Reviewed photos of the property.
- Installing geotech fabric behind the wall to stabilize soils.
- Wall will be in the same location, same height. The wall height varies but will be approximately 30" at the tallest point.
- Work is to take place during annual drawdown, between October and April.
- Discussed work to address the lawn. Commission approved filling in the smaller holes by hand and re-seeding. The Commission did not approve adding fill to the entire yard and building up the lawn area.
- Reviewed conditions with property owner to ensure that they were understood. Explained it is the property owner's responsibility to educate the contractor and monitor work.
- Unanimous approval. Issuing Negative Determination with conditions.

Informational meeting regarding 70 Olsen Road, Rolle property

- Proposing to put a pond on the property. Reviewed copies of areal photos. Reviewed forestry cutting plans issued to former property owner.
- Discussed resource areas on site. Areal plans show two streams. Property owner reports that he has never seen either run dry and that one is noted for its fishing.
- Idea is to put the pond in an area with a natural spring. The "wet area" may already be a resource area and area where work is proposed would be within the riverfront area.
- Explained that the Commission cannot give any approvals for work without a clear plan and permit application. Recommended that the area be evaluated by a wetland scientist/engineer to discuss proposed work and location in relation to the requirements of the Wetland Protection Act. No further action taken.

Informational meeting regarding 141 Old State Road, Lipinski property

- Reviewed site plans. Requesting to replace septic that is in failure and bring system into compliance with Title V regulations. A new well will also be installed. Work on the septic is a minimum of 50' from the BVW on site.
- Board of Health is currently reviewing the plan. No decision has been issued.
- Commission agreed to hold a special meeting on 8/18/15 at 7 pm to review the Request for Determination. The Commission is allowing site work and installation of the silt fence to proceed to address the emergency situation of the septic system in failure.

Informational meeting regarding 4 Katherine Street, Hauge property

- Seeking to replace and rebuild retaining wall that is located 120' from the edge of Pontoosuc Lake. The wall is falling down and needs to be disassembled. The wall will be reconstructed in the same location. While the wall is down, the water line to the home will be lowered to prevent freezing during years with deep frosts.
- Additionally proposing to remove and replace existing poured sidewalk and steps. Closest point of work to the lake is 75'.
- Commission agreed to review the Request for Determination at the special meeting to be held on 8/18/15 at 7:15 pm.

Informational discussion regarding the herbicide treatment of Pontoosuc Lake

- L. Hauge noted that the second treatment occurred today. Received Notice of Pontoosuc Lake closure on 8/3/15 due to herbicide treatment via email from L. Hauge dated 7/25/15.
- S. Trybus asked about fish counts and potential impacts of treatments based on observations made while fishing other lakes. L. Hauge and J. Hickey invited her to participate in the lake management sampling that occurs quarterly.

Other Business:

- Request from F. Passardi for a site visit to Bull Hill Road property. A site visit will be conducted on 8/7/15 at 4:30 pm.
- Reviewed email regarding deck at 213 Narragansett Avenue. S. Parsons will provide Building Inspector and property owner with copies of the permit issued.
- Received notice from ZBA regarding 145 North Main Street. Application was withdrawn without prejudice at the July 20th ZBA meeting.
- Reviewed request for Request for Determination for 181 Narragansett Avenue. The Request for Determination will be reviewed at the special meeting of the Conservation Commission to be held on 8/18/15 at 7:30 pm.
- Discussed question about proposed yard work at 203 Narragansett Avenue. A site visit will be held on 8/7/15 at 5 pm to discuss with contractor. S. Parsons will contact G. Tremblay to arrange.
- Discussed concern shared about possible flooding issues on Putnam Road. No action taken at this time.
- Discussed follow up to enforcement action regarding Miner Road/Ore Bed water line work. J. Trybus recused himself. Per site visit conducted by S. Parsons, the erosion controls have been properly installed. Work is pending on the culvert replacement.
- Discussed Putnam Road Bridge project. Per site inspection by S. Parsons, the silt fence has not been removed. Most areas are stable and have re-vegetated. The steep slope on the north side of the road and small area at the edge of water on the south side still need to be addressed. B. DeCelles, Highway Superintendent, has been contacted and is aware.
- J. Trybus raised the question of whether there was any beaver trapping occurring on Miner Road. Observed brush piled on the guardrail and people working. S. Parsons will contact B. DeCelles to inquire.
- Discussed possible Conservation Commission input to FERC regarding the proposed KinderMorgan pipeline.

Next meeting: August 18, 2015

7 pm

Request for Determination, 141 Old State Road, Lipniski

- Septic system upgrade and installation of a new well

7:15 pm

Request for Determination, 4 Katherine Street, Hauge property

- Repair of existing retaining wall, stairs, and sidewalk

7:30 pm

Request for Determination, 181/185 Narragansett Avenue

- Proposed installation of a fence along the property line