

**TOWN OF STURBRIDGE, MA -- CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Thursday, March 16, 2017**

*Approved April 20, 2017*

**Sturbridge Center Office Building, 2nd Floor**

6:00 PM -- Open Meeting - Commission working session to review local wetland regulation, finishing review of Chapters 8, 9 and 10. Commission will resume work on Chapter 5 at our next meeting. All commissioners were present.

Members Present: Ed Goodwin (EG) Chair  
David Barnicle (DB), Vice Chair  
Steve Chidester (SC)  
Steve Halterman (SH)  
Paul Zapun (PZ)

7:00 pm -- Regular meeting Called to Order/ Ed Goodwin (EG), Chairman

7:00 pm -- Quorum Check: Confirmed

Others Present: Glenn Colburn (GC), Conservation Agent, Anne Renaud-Jones, Conservation Clerk; Ethan Hillman, James Tetreault, Nick Iozzo, Craig Iozzo

**Committee Updates:**

CPA: Ed Goodwin: CPA has met, primary discussion concerned the possible rebuild of the tennis courts at the Recreation Area at Cedar Street. Estimated cost is \$315,000; this will be on the warrant at Town Meeting. The committee also voted to support the Doudy Road Farm project.

Trail Committee: DB: The Student Conservation Association is planning to work on the Mt Laurel Trail to repair tornado damage and relocate the trail onto conservation land

-- Agent GC: advised commission of discussion w Trail Comm Chair Brandon Goodwin regarding upcoming projects which will need permitting by the Commission:

- 1) Mountain Laurel Trail: 2) Beaver deceiver install at Heins Farm
- 3) OSV parking lot - Agent will be starting Notices of Intents for these projects. ALSO GC has expressed interest in 4) possible new gate at Shattuck Road and 5) a possible exercise trail.

Lakes Advisory Committee: there has been no meeting

Walk-ins Ethan Hillman, 175 Podunk Road: to show revised site plan based on ConCom comments at previous hearing. Mr. Hillman shared revised drawings of house project; moving the bldg. site 19 feet further away from the 25ft buffer line: Commission consensus that this change would be an acceptable plan to bring before the Commission. Agent will ask Judy Schmitz (DEP) about options for Mr. Hillman; does he need to file a new Notice of Intent?

## Signatures

Extension Order of Conditions: DEP #300-727, Big Alum Lake Association requesting 3-year extension to OOC. Amend Order of Conditions to conform to current performance standards. SIGNED

Certificate of Compliance: DEP #300-903, 15 Vinton Rd. SIGNED

Order of Conditions: DEP #300-979: 132 Leadmine Lane; Crane/septic system. SIGNED

Order of Conditions: (replacement document): DEP #300-0938 MassDOT: SIGNED

Order of Conditions: DEP #300-976; John Stevens: 27 Breakneck Road; SIGNED

## Public Hearings

- 7:15 Notice of Intent; DEP #300-980; 660 Main Street; Heal, Inc, represented by Thompson-Liston Assoc; new construction of 3300sf commercial building with parking lot for 31 cars within the buffer zone. *Continued from March 2.*  
-- James Tetreault, Thompson-Liston Assoc presenting: From our last meeting, Commissioners had requested assurance that this project will not affect the area of the property that was polluted in the 1980s: A letter dated March 8 was emailed to the Commission from CMG Environmental Services, confirming that fact. When DEP comments were received, they requested "An LSP should verify that the proposed project will not affect the conclusion of the Response Action Outcome for the site." The person who signed the March 8 letter was not an LSP, so Thompson-Liston is submitted another version of this letter tonight, signed by Benson Gould, LSP (Licensed Site Professional)  
-- DB asked JT to explain again the water flow from the upper hillside down the slope to their new infiltration system JT: explained the flow from the upper slope down to the 4 catch basins under the parking lot, and then down new CDS infiltrator. The existing piped drainage from the upper detention basin will not be part of the Heal infiltration system.  
-- JT clarified that there is no change being made to the flow of water from the existing driveway; it is all being handled by existing catchbasins;  
-- Motion (DB); 2nd SH: to close the Public Hearing; Vote AIF  
-- Motion (DB); 2nd (SC) to approve plan as presented and issue an Order of Conditions. Vote: AIF
- 7:30 Request for Determination of Applicability: 335 The Trail: Robert Davis: installation of a garage including excavation of a foundation; in a riverfront area. *Continued from Feb 16, 201;* Commission was unable to conduct required site visit due to recent blizzard. Applicant was told no Hearing would take place this evening. Hearing is continued to Thursday April 6 Meeting date to allow for a site visit.
- 7:45 Notice of Intent, DEP#300-959, 9 Holland Road, Richard DiBonaventura, represented by Paquette Builders. Culvert repair and site stabilization in the riverfront area. *Continued from July 21, 2016.* Commission was unable to conduct required site visit due to recent blizzard. Applicant was told no Hearing would take place this evening. Hearing is continued to Thursday April 6 Meeting date to allow for a site visit.

#### Letter Permits

274 Big Alum Rd, Virginia Roscioli. Removal of 2 trees.;  
Agent had visited the site and had photos; significant infestation; suggests approval  
APPROVED AIF: no replanting is required.

61 Bennetts Rd, David Beal. Service line for propane tank.  
Agent had visited site and had photos; Applicant is installing a small concrete pad for the tank;  
trench needed will, be approx. 10 ft long to the house. Will require erosion controls. Agent  
suggests approval. APPROVED AIF.

72 Farquhar Road, Nicholas Iozzo, Removal of 10+ trees;  
Nick Iozzo, and Craig Iozzo present: Agent had visited the site and had photos; also brought up  
property on google earth to review proximity to water resources; significant infestation and  
decline of red pine stand . Agent walked location w Mr Iozzo; intent is to improve health of  
other trees; good group of healthy white pines ready to take over when red pines removed....;  
suggests approval, APPROVED AIF: no replanting is required.

#### Old Business

**DEP #300-726, Cedar Lake Association** requesting 3-year extension to OOC.  
Amend Order of Conditions to conform to current performance standards.  
Agent has not yet completed revisions for this OOC. Will prepare for April 6 meeting.

#### Forest Cutting Plans

**Paradise Lane, 36.6 acres. Robt. F. Para Family Trust:** Agent has spoken with State Forester  
Kate Marquis and discussed the Commission's concern about the slow recharge rate of Big Alum;  
she stated that all work is being done outside of the resource area - She will be on site as the cut  
begins.

**Breakneck Road, 78-acres. Harris Holdings, LLC** We notified the landowner that we had  
received this FCPlan- but the letter came back to us as undeliverable: We've notified State  
Forester Kate Marquis; she will pursue; This is not a clear cut, but it is affecting 78 acres of the  
85 acre property.

**221 Brookfield Road, Charlton. 25 acres in Sturbridge. Iris Jennings** Commissions wanted  
reassurances that trucks will not be leaving site using Sturbridge roads as there is no provision for  
the bond usually imposed for possible road degradation. Commission requested a confirmation  
that Sturbridge Roads would not be used. Agent will discuss with State Forester Kate Marquis.

#### Approval of minutes:

- February 2, 2017 Minutes: Motion to approve as presented (DB) ; 2nd (SC); AIF
- February 16, 2017 Minutes: Motion to approve with edit to clarify that Bruce Gran was representing the Sturbridge Lakes Association. (DB) ; 2nd (SH); AIF
- March 2, 2017 Minutes: Motion to approve as presented (DB) ; 2nd (SC); Vote 4:0 (SH abstain)

Adjourn 8:05 (SC) Motion to Adjourn; 2nd (DB); AIF

**Next Meetings:** Thursday, April 6, 2017, with a Bylaw Regulation working session starting at 6:00 pm, Regular Meeting to begin at 7:00.

*A copy of tonight's meeting can be found on our Town's website or is available upon request via the Audio Department: 508.347.7267*