

Sturbridge Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 2nd, 2018

Approved April 16, 2019

6:00 PM Quorum check – Confirmed.
Present: Ed Goodwin
Steven Chidester
Steve Halterman
Paul Zapun
Absent: David Barnicle
Also Present: Rebecca Gendreau, Conservation Agent (RG); Ashley Piascik, Administrative Assistant (AP); Justin Howard (JH); Virginia Roscioli (VR); Leonard Jalbert (LJ); Glenn Krevoski (GK); Leigh Darrin (LD); Scott Morrison (SM); Bill Clougherty (BC); Philip Moreau (PM); Celeste Dupius (CD); Joe Kowalski (JK); Mike Procon (MP); Kim Procon (KP).
Committee Updates: CPA: Finance details were not finalized; unsure if/what will be approved by finance or put on town meeting agenda.
Trail Committee: N/A.
Open Space Committee: N/A.
Lakes Advisory Committee: N/A.

Approval of minutes: March 19th, 2019 (Will be approved next meeting, April 16th, 2019).

Public Hearings

6:15 **Request for Determination of Applicability; 30 Ladd Road; Continued from January 15, 2019 and February 5, 2019.** Proposed clearing and grubbing of a 400' by 400' area, in order to establish Advantage Enterprises logging operation; Represented by EBT Environmental Consultants, Inc. for applicant Gagner, M.

- The Agent and the Commission discussed distributing a Positive 2b, Positive 6, Negative 4, Negative 6. The representative for this filing was not present at this time.
- GK the applicant representative walked in during the middle of the public hearing.
- GK stated that he would like to withdraw from the filing and would like to bring everything together within a month. GK stated that a letter had been drafted to SCC for withdrawal. Office may have forgotten to send.
- No work will be taken place; will come back with a plan.
- Agent will write a letter summarizing everything that was discussed and where the determination stands as of this time.

--VOTE: AIF 4-0.

6:30 **Request for an Amendment to Existing Order of Conditions; DEP File #300-953; 272 Big Alum; Represented by EBT Environmental Consultants, Inc. for the applicant, Justin Howard, for the approval of revisions to the permitted project.**

Summary:

- Chapter 91 was completed.
- LJ provided copies of new prints/plan.
- Numbered the plan in a clockwise direction, starting at the dock, to understand all changes.
- GK presented number 1-21 on the plan. This plan can be found at the Conservation Department upon request.

Comments:

- Spacing of a red maple? Roughly four feet.
- History of dock permit was not clear at the time. Therefore, do not recommend moving it at this time. Perhaps create a more natural look for the concrete pad.
- For the future, make sure to follow the permit, ask questions, etc.
- Maple plantings- would like to see them spread out as much as possible in both areas.
- No concern with basketball court.
- Not happy the walls were put in, would be more damage to remove them.

--Motion (SC): to close the public hearing; 2nd (SH); VOTE: (4-0).

--Motion (SH) move we accept the amendments to the existing OOC for DEP File #300-953, with the changes discussed; 2nd (SC); VOTE: 4-0.

6:45 **Notice of Intent: DEP #300-1030; Continued from March 19th, 2019.** 268 Big Alum; Demolition of existing house, construction of a new single-family house and associated site work; Represented by Green Hill Engineering for applicant McGrath, M.
Summary: Revised plan was brought into the office. Green Hill Engineering was not present; therefore, the Agent provided a summary. Addressed the comments and concerns made from last meeting. Only thing that was not changed or completed was the moving of the well. Due to BOH setbacks, kept the well where it was. Earth and vegetated berm were shown. The plan also showed the driveway will be sloped. The grade will go in the direction that was previously discussed.

Comments:

- Added a few things on the plan the Con Com was looking for.
- (VR) Abutter, if there is to be any digging on the hillside, revisit drainage and the issues.
- (VR) 22/24 foot difference from the lake was discussed.
- (VR) Will they be asked to do an as built? Yes.

--Motion (SC): to close the public hearing; 2nd (SH); VOTE: (4-0).

--Motion (SH) to accept the NOI, with the discussed conditions; 2nd (SC); VOTE: 4-0.

Letter Permits

- Tree Removal Permit Application; 42 Burgess School Road; Dupuis, C.
 - CD, two pine trees looking to be removed. One small, one large.
 - The Agent viewed it last week with Tom Chamberland (TC).
 - TC wrote an arborist summary.--VOTE: 4-0 approved.

Old Business

- 179 Main Street, Update on Parking Lot & Stormwater
 - Property owner was not prepared to come in front of the Con Com tonight.
 - Received a draft plan from Bertin Engineering.
 - The Agent thinks it would be useful to go back out and view the calculations and proposed work.
 - Will be on the agenda for next meeting.
 - Con Com will meet with them 9:00 AM on Tuesday April 9th for a site visit.
 - Pipe that comes out of the bottom of the slope, not sure where the catch basin comes out. Bertin Engineering will look into that and address the issue.

- Underground retention chambers and roof drains discussed.
 - 173 Main Street, Stormwater Management System
 - Will have a meeting with Commissioner's, Bertin Engineering and the property owner.
 - Existent pavement/redevelopment, only subject to the provisions of stormwater practical. Raises an issue.
 - Commission needs to observe while it is raining.
 - Damage that was done by the old pipe.
 - Unsure where the run off has been going. Now they have changed everything to make the run off go to one spot. Completely changed where the run off is going, and it is not being handled.
 - Things can be done to the modify the extended dry basins.
 - Allow Frank Bicherri from Bertin Engineering to go out and explain to the Con Com what is happening.
 - EG believes it is a larger problem than what the Con Com may think.
 - MA DOT; Cedar Lake/MA Pike
 - BC MA DOT, District 3.
 - Sent the Agent the latest revision on the swale design.
 - Accomplishes the request for incorporating some check dams.
 - Infiltration/collection of sediment comes from the check dam.
 - Agent, not sure if the change will help slow down the process.
 - SH has no problem with it being deeper.
 - BC, there are actually two check dams there.
 - Existing concrete swale is partially under water. Seems it would be appropriate, would want to do this work during the next draw down.
 - Agent, is there anything that can be done to maintain the area in the time being?
 - BC, silt fence could be installed at the very end.
 - (CLA Rep) Confidence in the board, not the state. Not comfortable waiting another year. Have to wait until the next draw down, concern with this.
 - (CLA Rep): Is there a better chance of getting the project done now? (BC): The state has to address other locations and circumstances, within the same contract, pool of money that will be used.
 - Existing concrete swale is not submerged.
 - (PZ): What are the criteria to determine which project comes first?
 - State would like to do this project at the next drawn down.
 - Will have to come up with a strategy to move this along.
 - MA DOT; Quinebaug River/Rt. 20
 - MA DOT met out there last week with the new DPW Director.
 - There is a lot of old infrastructure there.
 - (EG): But it is on state property? (BC): No.
 - Next few weeks, MA DOT will be there to clean the basins.
 - Need to monitor site and see where stormwater goes. May result in additional damage to the bank.
 - ConCom would like to be kept in the "know" for future site visits.
 - DEP File #300-1021; RV Management Services; 30 River Road
 - SM presenting on behalf of the client.
 - SM presented a planting plan in further detail.
 - Broke out each individual area, determined what would work well in those areas and what would fit well in those locations in regard to plantings.
 - KP: Wanted to touch upon a few trees in the area that were discussed at tonight's meeting...
- Yogi Bear Campground had to remove them to make room for the turn (where people drive and

come into the campground). Previous tree count done by SM was wrong. KP wanted to make known note of that.

-EG: This is a step forward however, would like to see an onsite visit in order to see everything, to give a clear vision to the board.

-Questioned the fact of high bush blueberry, that there is not a larger size that can be found to establish self-more quickly. Next step is to plan a site visit to meet out there to go out to each colored area. Mark areas up and explain.

-The rest of the board agrees with EG.

-All contractors have been removed on the site, because of violation.

-The Con Com will meet with EcoTec and RV Management Services on Tuesday April 9th, around 11:00 AM.

- Hamilton road and Gun Club/Rampco, 24 Hamilton Road

-Their Wetland Consultant (from Rampco) sent in an evaluation of sediment and run off from the site.

-Consultant does not think action needs to be taken with the silt in Cedar Lake.

Agent Report

- Tinkergarten that was approved at Leadmine would like to go back to Hein's property. The agent's only potential concern could be the parking lot construction. Con Com had no concern.
- Site visits for 3 Ladd Road, 17 South Road... will wait until vegetation starts to grow (Bring up for beginning of May meeting/end of April).
- May have a high school intern next year.
- Mobil station/Petro Gas/ revamping. Met with them on site visit about 2-3 weeks ago.
- 241-245 Main Street, underground tank removal was done a few weeks ago. Initial soil analysis came back fine.
- QQLA draft letter has been written. EG concerned with where opinions of pollutants have come from.
- DPW asked about used asphalt millings and private road issues on the lake. Agent provided a summary and brought to Con Com's attention.

Adjourn

--Motion (SC): to adjourn at 8:49 PM; 2nd (SH); VOTE: (4-0).