

Sturbridge Conservation Commission

Meeting Agenda

Approved March 5th, 2019
Tuesday, February 5th, 2019

****Meeting will be held at the Sturbridge Center Office Building 301 Main Street, 2nd floor****

6:00 PM Open Meeting – Quorum check
Present: Edward Goodwin (EG), Chair
 Steven Chidester (SC), Vice Chair
 David Barnicle (DB)
 Steve Halterman (SH)

Also Present: Rebecca Gendreau, Conservation Agent (RG); Doug Vizard (DV); Donald Taft (DT); Leonard Jalbert (LJ); Suzanne Brozek (SZ); John Langer (JL); Stephen Soper (SS); Bill Clougherty (BC); Liz Newlands (LN).

Absent: Paul Zapun (PZ); Ashley Piascik, Administrative Assistant (AP).

Committee Updates: CPA: Met last night, finishing up on placeholders for the Town Meeting.
 Trails Committee: Meeting is second Thursday of every month. However, is scheduled for this upcoming Thursday (February 7th) due to Valentine's Day.
 Open Space Committee: None.
 Lakes Advisory Committee: None.

Approval of minutes

- January 15, 2019
- Motion (DB): move to approve the minutes; 2nd (SC); VOTE: (4-0).

Walk-ins

- Doug Vizard, QQLA South Pond Proposed Alum Treatment
-Lane Ten Sturbridge, South Pond. The President (DV) of QQLA introduced the next project proposal to take place, which will be the Alum Treatment of South Pond. Hoping to conduct in the year 2020, will be about a \$350,000-400,000 job. Expressed interest in 319 Grant. Further discussed how he was hoping for Sturbridge to host part of the Grant.

Public Hearings

6:15 **SZB Notice of Intent (Sturbridge Zoning Bylaw Section 4.04);** 24 Hamilton Road; For the removal of earthen berm as part of the Hamilton Rod and Gun Club's gravel removal project. Summary: *Provided legal ad/abutter notification sheet.* DT presented for the Hamilton Rod and Gun Club. DT addressed that this is an 8% slope, within 500 feet. Reason for removing earthen berm is to get the retention area in place. There was an issue with breach of sedimentation controls which resulted in sediment entering a resource area.. An enforcement order was issued. However, the implementation of this plan for the long term, will resolve any storm water that will be coming off of the slope.

Comments:

- Consideration of camel humps at the very large driveway entrance.
- Short term, long term and the maintenance plan is being developed by Rampco (Contractor) as requested in the order
- Maintenance of the sedimentation controls, as well as a plan for the parking lot have been considered through discussion with Rampco.

- 2 weeks to get this information processed including: routine inspection plan by February 14th, restoration plan for impacts of jurisdictional resource areas, Remediation plan for any impacts as well.

- Have someone check on the sedimentation controls more often and weather dependent.

- Rampco is continuing to put in more hay bales as the ground continues to thaw.

- Progress reports once or twice a month were discussed briefly.

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

--Motion (DB): move to issue the OOC described by the agent; 2nd (SH); VOTE: (4-0).

6:30 **Request for Determination of Applicability;** 30 Ladd Road; *Continued from January 15, 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 applicant and representative have asked for a continuation to March 5th, 2019.

6:45 **Request for Determination of Applicability;** 158 Lane 8; Proposed garage; Represented by Jalbert Engineering for applicant Nielsen, C.

Summary: *Provided legal ad/abutter notification sheet.* Presented by LJ. Proposing an attached garage, adjacent to the front section of the house which will be 12 x 20. The area of construction will be within the current parking facility. There will be no disturbance, other than slight excavation where the foundation is going to be with a slab for the garage. A soil erosion control barrier will be installed. Excavation will be removed off site.

Comments:

- Six inches of the soil area around the garage area will be excavated, rough estimate of about one truck load of soil coming off of the site.

- Could be approved with some basic conditioning for the garage, no stock piling and maintaining the erosion controls.

- Concern raised for low spot on property. Agent and engineer looked at. Site did not appear to contain dominant wetland vegetation or appropriate soils in area for wetland delineation.

- Plans to leave the basin as is.

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

--Motion (DB): to approve according to the local Bylaws with the OOC from agent, positive number 5, positive number 2b and a negative number 4; 2nd (SC); VOTE (4-0).

New Business

- Discussion on Leadmine Mountain Conservation Area with the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife

- Presented by LN. Wants to make sure that landowner relations are being followed through.

- LN expressed four questions and concerns from MA Wildlife.

- 1. Forest Management and any thoughts on carrying out any of the previous plans.

- 2. Any progress on removal of structures on the property.

- 3. Check in on invasive species work with the Eagle Scout.

- 4. Resource concerns with the trails.

All topics were discussed between MA Wildlife and the SCC

- As a result, MA Wildlife will have a forester reach out to the SCC in order to further develop forest management plans for the town and habitats within the forests. Long term forest health, and long term wildlife habitat is our biggest concern.

- The SCC has prioritized the remaining structures in town. Focusing on asbestos and waiting for a quote. Plan is to get quotes and ask for the funding of the removal of them, at the next town meeting.
- The Eagle Scout Project is on hold until spring.
- The Trails by Leadmine appear to be used more frequently than anticipated by mountain bikes. Concern for additional trails which are not on trail guide. Particularly, a trail located along a ridge. Sections of trails also require repairs.

Old Business

- MA DOT Enforcement Order; Cedar Lake Mass Pike
 - Last time MA DOT was here, looking at alternatives for the broken rock swale and how to fix it.
 - Obstacle with the access to the old swale.
 - Other issue is the removal of material in the lake.
 - Applied for an ArmyCorps Permit, in terms of the ArmyCorps, MA DOT is good to go forward.
 - Cedar Lake dam will be raised soon. Earliest level rising of lake March 1st, latest March 15th.
 - A plan with protective measures is required prior to conducting work.
 - BC will send an email and check on mobilization.
 - The water should mostly infiltrate.
 - Similar stone use as modified rocks will be used.
- Solitude Lake Management; 2018 Year-End Reports
 - Received our reports for Big Alum, Cedar Lake, Walker Pond, Hamilton Rod and Gun Club and Pine Lake.
 - Did not receive one for South Pond, however, they may not be scheduled for treatment every year.
 - Reports identify targeted species.

Enforcement

- MA DOT Enforcement Order; Route 20 Quinebaug River
 - MA DOT stated that unclear if the pipe is MA DOT or not, will need further investigation.
 - The pipe comes from the catch basin on Route 20, located near 9 Holland Road.
 - The Commission plans to wait, until further clarification has been addressed and to perform a site visit.
- Hamilton Rod and Gun Club & Rampco Enforcement Order (discussed with NOI application)

Signatures

Request for Certificate of Compliance

- DEP File #300-1002; 12 Tantasqua Shore Drive; Santangelo, S. *Signed.*
- DEP File #300-760; 98 Gladding Lane; Paquin, T. *Signed.*
- DEP File #300-771; 51 Technology Park Drive, Meacham, M. *Signed.*

Orders of Conditions

- DEP File #300-1029; 51 Technology Park Drive; Cristman & Meacham Realty LLC. *Signed.*

Amendment Request for a Determination of Applicability

- Revised work scope request; 241 & 245 Main Street; Moran, C.
 - The applicant would like to replace one of the two above ground tanks being removed, with a new one.
 - The applicant would like to do this removal and replacement as soon as possible.

- Wants to pave where the asphalt is currently located which will be removed as part of project.
- A berm can be placed to help avoid run off.
- The Commission questioned the process with putting tanks back in regard to new filing, current filing, etc.
- Installation of new above ground tank can be permitted through this process; however any new paving requires a Notice of intent filing.

Letter Permits

- Tree Removal Permit Application: 58 Mt. Dan Road; Faxon, T.
 - 3 dead hemlocks, 1 birch, VOTE (4-0), *Approved*.
- Tree Removal Permit Application: 72 Fairview Park; Kupranowicz, J.
 - VOTE (3-1), DB voted against, *Approved*.
- Tree Removal Permit Application: 9 Library Lane; Walker Pond Association.
 - VOTE (4-0), *Approved*.
- Tree Removal Permit Application: 121 Shore Road and 123 Shore Road; Milne, G.
 - 121, large white pine on the right side of house near deck is a healthy tree. Has an aggressive surface root problem with foundation of the house. Poor location, poor species. Would like to remove this tree and remove lower limbs and light general pruning maintenance on other mature trees on the property. Future deck installation will require a filing. Check in at that time for permitting requirements.
 - Tree removal on neighbor's property at 123 Shore Road (*Approved*).
 - Motion (DB): to approve the tree removal as discussed; 2nd (SC); VOTE: (4-0).
- Tree Removal Permit Application: 12 Tantasqua Shore Drive; Santangelo, S.
 - RG gave a quick summary of tree removal application and property history, DB suggested to emphasize "high" bush in the wording, *Approved*.

Special Land Use

- Special Land Use Permit: Leadmine Property; Tinkergarten; Sheppard, K. *Approved*.

Agent Report

- Everyone is registered for the MACC Conference March 2nd
- 179 Main Street parking lot, a letter was issued, reasons why ConCom went out, observations, etc. asked to send an after the fact NOI filing, Agent attached aerial photos from years prior.
- 173 Main Street, new garage at the gas station in the back, still have to do stormwater management, discussion in regard to basin took place, will be placed on an upcoming site visit for the ConCom to take a closer look
- Tantasqua Shore, the road is an issue, would like to work with the Conservation Department in order to find a solution, discussed betterment process and what other people in town have done to pave roads and make improvements

Adjourn

--Motion (SC): move to adjourn at 9:01 PM, 2nd (SH); VOTE: (4-0).