

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Date: August 3, 2021
Time: 6:00 -7:25 pm
Place: Hybrid Meeting Veterans Hall
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With a quorum present, the meeting opened at 6:00 pm, Ed Goodwin presiding as Chair.
Erik Gaspar is absent.

DECISIONS

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. 35 Bennetts Road – NOI-Landscape Improvements-DEP File #300-1106

- Owner/Applicant: Michael Sierak Representative: J. Dubois, DC Engineering
- Request: Issue OOC
- Documents Presented:
- Project Summary
 - Pervious Patio in a developed lawn area and replacement of a shoreline wall with small steps.
- Presentation and Discussion:
 - Work depicted on the plan for the wall near the shoreline is outside the resource area. If work was to continue to the wetland flags the work would be jurisdictional.
 - Commission is looking for clarification of materials planned for the wall and more details on the size of the wall and bank disturbance.
 - Applicant will provide updated plans and materials proposed for the wall.
- Public Comments:
 - None
- Vote: By consensus the Commission vote to continue the Public Hearing for 35 Bennetts Road to August 17, 2021. AIF 3-0

2. 392 Main Street – RDA-work in support of the ongoing environmental assessment and remediation of the site

- Owner/Applicant: Shell Oil Company Representatives: E. Kontos-Groundwater & Environmental Services
- Request: Issue a Determination
- Documents Presented: n/a
- Project Status Summary
 - Original project began in the 1980's when wells were installed to monitor groundwater. The ultimate goal of this project is clear the groundwater to drinking water standards.
- Presentation and Discussion:
 - E. Kontos provided a brief overview of the project.
 - Well drilling will take approx. one day, stockpiled materials will be stored in drums directly from the drill rig.
 - 600 gallons of solution will be used total, additives will be injected in the wells and spread 15-20 ft.
 - No other vegetation will be harmed in this process and straw waddles can be installed behind the auger drill to add additional protection.
- Public Comment:
 - none
- Vote: On a motion of D. Barnicle, 2nd by S. Chidester the Commission vote to close the public hearing for 392 Main Street. AIF 3-0
 - On a motion of D. Barnicle, 2nd by S. Chidester to Commission vote to issue Determination of a positive #5 and negative #1. AIF 3-0



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- 3. 231, 233, & 235 Cedar Street –continued ANRAD (Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation) – DEP File #300-1090**
- Owner/Applicant: Michael and Gail Young Representative: P. McManus, EcoTec
 - Request: Issue ORAD
 - Documents Presented: n/a
 - Project Status Summary:
 - The Hearing was continued to allow the applicant time to file and NOI for the restoration work needed.
 - Presentation and Discussion:
 - The applicant provided a written request for continuation of the Hearing until September 21, 2021 to allow time for the NOI to be heard on August 17, 2021.
 - Public Comments
 - None
 - Vote: By consensus vote, the Commission vote to continue the public hearing for 231-235 Cedar Street to September 21, 2021. AIF 3-0
- 4. 100 Paradise Lane –NOI-Raze and Rebuild- DEP #300-XXXX**
- Owner/Applicant: Michael Detarnado Representative: L. Jalbert, Jalbert Engineering
 - Request: Issue an Order of Conditions
 - Documents Presented: n/a
 - Project Status Summary:
 - The project included tearing down the existing cottage, rebuilding the cottage and associated site work and shoreline restoration.
 - Presentation and Discussion:
 - The current cottage has a tree resting on the roof and in unsafe.
 - The lot is serviced by town sewer and a private well.
 - The commission has concerns over the large amount of lot coverage with impervious surface. They suggest reworking the plan.
 - The shoreline work will required a separate filing fee for DEP and the dock will require a Chapter 91 approval.
 - Public Comments
 - None
 - Vote: By consensus vote, the Commission vote to continue the public hearing for 100 Paradise Lane to August 17, 2021. AIF 3-0
- 5. 59 Bennetts Road – continued NOI-Raze and rebuild of a SFH, septic system, well and associated site work- DEP File #300-1103**
- Owner/Applicant: Dale Perry Representative: L. Jalbert, Jalbert Engineering
 - Request: Issue an Order of Conditions
 - Documents Presented: n/a
 - Project Status Summary:
 - The Hearing was continued to allow the applicant time to address the comments of the SCC and to allow time for submission to the BOH for a variance request.
 - Presentation and Discussion:
 - The Applicant provided a new revised plan showing a Sand filter septic plan yet to be approved by the BOH.
 - The proposed house is slightly larger than the original cottage but has moved outside the 25 ft no touch.
 - The Commission has concerns about the tree removal on site due to the size of the house proposed and recommends revising the plan.
 - Public Comments
 - None
 - Vote: By consensus vote, the Commission vote to continue the public hearing for 59 Bennetts Rd to August 17, 2021. AIF 3-0

6. 30 Main Street/20 Fiske Hill Road – continued NOI – Development of a residential and commercial cul-de-sac subdivision -- DEP File #300-1086

- Owner/Applicant: Matt Sosik Representative: P. Engle, McClure Engineering
- Request: Issue an Order of Conditions.
- Documents Presented: n/a
- Project Status Summary: Project was continued to allow time for the applicant to address comments made at the last meeting.
- Presentation and Discussion:
 - The Agent reports that the applicant made modifications to the plan since the previous meeting, addressing the Commissions comments.
 - The Agent recommends approval with Conditions and a waiver will also be required.
 - Since there are only three member present at the meeting the Commission recommends a continuation until the next meeting where a full board could vote.
- Public Comment:
 - none
- Vote: On a motion of D. Barnicle, 2nd by S. Chidester, the Commission continue the hearing for 30 Main Street/20 Fiske Hill Road to August 17, 2021. AIF 3-0

II. WETLANDS DECISIONS

7. Interstate 84 at Quinebaug River –Request for Certificate of Compliance-DEP File #300-938

- Original Applicant: Susan McArthur Requester: same
- Request: Issue a COC
- Documents Presented: N/A
- Project Summary: N/A
- Presentation and Discussion:
 - The agent recommends issuance with the perpetual conditions and special conditions #25-30. The project consisted of storm-water and B& P improvements. The Commission requests DOT to provide a schedule of the basin cleaning. The Agent preformed a site visit and the site is in compliance.
- Vote: On a motion of D. Barnicle, 2nd by S. Chidester the Commission vote to approve a Certificate of Compliance for Interstate 84 at Quinebaug River, DEP File #300-938. AIF 3-0

8. 13 Main Street –Request for Certificate of Compliance-DEP File #300-749

- Owner/ Applicant: Richard Leo Requester: Jalbert Engineering
- Request: Issue a COC
- Documents Presented: N/A
- Project Summary: N/A
- Presentation and Discussion:
 - Project is now complete, Agent recommends issuance with special conditions #33-35 and general conditions #22.
- Vote: On a motion of D. Barnicle, 2nd by S. Chidester, the Commission vote to issue a Certificate of Compliance for 13 Main Street, DEP #300-749. AIF 3-0

9. 24 Audubon Way–Request for Certificate of Compliance –DEP File #300-471

- Original Applicant: Robert Moss Requester: Vick Donahue
- Request: Issue a COC
- Documents Presented: N/A
- Project Summary: N/A
- Presentation and Discussion:
 - This is a partial release as part of the Preserve Subdivision. There are no perpetual conditions.
- Vote: On a motion of D. Barnicle, 2nd by S. Chidester, the Commission vote to issue a Certificate of Compliance for 24 Audubon Way, DEP #300-471. AIF 3-0

10. Hall Road Culvert Row—Ratify an Emergency Authorization –DEP File #300-471

- Original Applicant: Sturbridge DPW & Clearview Construction Location: near 96 Hall Road
- Request: Ratify Issued Emergency Authorization
- Documents Presented: N/A
- Project Summary: N/A

- Presentation and Discussion:
 - This project was an emergency repair of a 36 inch pipe which travels under a building and continues under Hall Road. There is a significant repair needed and the Agent and Chairman issued Emergency Authorization to start the work.
- Vote: On a motion of D. Barnicle, 2nd by S. Chidester, the Commission vote to ratify the issued Emergency Authorization for work near 96 Hall Road. AIF 3-0

III. ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS

11. Minutes of 6/15/21 to be approved

- Documents Presented: draft minutes
- Vote: TABLED

UPDATES

IV. OLD BUSINESS

V. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

12. Committee Updates

- CPA: N/A
- Trail Committee: N/A
- Open Space Committee: N/A
- Lakes Advisory Committee: N/A

VI. NEW BUSINESS

13. Agent's Report

- Staff is currently working on a NOI for the Grand Trunk Trail expansion.
Next Meeting Date: 8-17-21 Site Visits: 8-10-21

ADJOURN at 7:25 pm Motion by S. Chidester, 2nd by D. Barnicle AIF 3-0