

CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT DETAILED AGENDA

Date: August 17, 2021

Time: 6:00 pm



DECISIONS

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. 231-237 Cedar St – NOI-work to complete wetland replication and driveway cross-culvert installations-DEP file #300-XXXX

- Owner/Applicant: Michael and Gail Young Representatives: Paul McManus, EcoTec
- Request: Issue OOC
- Documents Presented: n/a
- Jurisdiction: Bordering Vegetated Wetland
- Project Summary:
- Staff Notes:
 - DEP has not issued a file # or comments to date.
 - Proof of legal ad and abutter notifications need to be received.
 - Applicant/property owner signature required.
 - Plan doesn't show location for pipe on 237 Cedar St. however noted in protocol.
 - Protocol: at grade pipe install to be field located. Should be established by engineer and/or wetland scientist.
 - States that it may be necessary to add 0.5 ft fill on driveway to meet 1 ft. cover for pipe. Need to have this defined staked on site as wetlands on sides of driveway. Only width and length necessary to cover the pipe and reach appropriate grade should be permitted. Lot 5 (231 Cedar) will be difficult as driveway is less defined. Recommend this is staked out by wetland scientist and engineer for contractor. Additional work to install an acceptable driveway will have to be part of a separate filing for development of the lot.
 - Excess soil is stated to be placed on lot 7. Define which area this is. States front flat part. Is this near the road or back open portions? Should be clearly established or just removed off site.
 - Replication includes panting of 12 trees and 60 shrubs.
- Staff Recommendations:
 - Continue the hearing as DEP has not issued a File #.
 - Approve of change to have all replication on Lot 5 and possibly on Lot 6. Would require final plan to show areas. Recommend requiring as built plan documenting replication areas and exact pipe locations when completed.
 - When appropriate vote to close the public hearing and approve the project through the issuance of Orders of Conditions w/ conditions for oversight during work as noted, as built plan submission, replication monitoring and release of OOC after monitoring completion and 75% success of plantings after at least 2 years.
 - After installed and initial reporting received issue ORAD for revised wetland lines.

2. 35 Bennetts Road-continued NOI-Landscape Improvements-DEP File#300-1106

- Owner/Applicant: Micheal Serirak Representative: J Dubois, DC Engineering
- Request: Issue OOC
- Documents Presented: revised plan
- Jurisdiction: Buffer Zone to Bank & LUW
- Project Status Summary:
 - Project was discussed at the previous SCC meeting. Questions and comments from staff, the SCC and DEP in regards to the shoreline wall replacement proposal. Appears portion of wall is Bank and would require additional permitting as direct wetland impact. Engineer was to discuss with client and contractor.
- Staff Notes:

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- Staff performed a site visit w/ engineer and contractor to review the wall work and site conditions. Scope of work clarified. Water levels resided.
- Plan revised to reflect the anticipated wall work which consists of rebuilding dry laid stone wall, steps and work behind the wall to improve drainage. NOI revised to reflect 8 linear feet of temporary bank impact.
- Staff Recommendations: When appropriate, vote to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions with the following special conditions.
 - Standard OOC conditions.
 - Shoreline work to be performed in dry conditions.

3. 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 OOC.
- Documents Presented: n/a
- Jurisdiction: Buffer Zone
- Project Status Summary:
 - This project has been continued to allow for the Applicant to address the SCC’s comments and to allow for submission to the BOH for a variance request.
- Staff Notes:
 - Septic plan has been revised which was discussed at the last meeting and has since been approved by the BOH.
 - Plan has been additional revised to show removal of 3 trees: 2 within the septic area and 1 adjacent to the new house which would be impacted by the work. Plan also includes ¾” stone parking area, the planting of 2 red maples (near the septic) and 11 winter gem boxwoods along property lines.
 - The SCC also requested to look at options to reduce the house footprint. Staff discussed with the engineer and house is only 800 sq. ft. client does not want to reduce more as only making a 2 bedroom as is.
 - Roof runoff BMPs provided to provide stormwater infiltration. Shoreline will not be impacted nor mature trees between house and lake. Powerline location would appear to create inability to add replacement plantings adjacent to the roadway and house.
- Staff Recommendations: If the SCC is satisfied with project, staff recommend that the SCC vote to close the public hearing and approve the project through the issuance of Orders of Conditions w/ the following conditions:
 - Standard OOC conditions.
 - Replacement plantings as shown on the plan.

4. 100 Paradise Lane-*continued* NOI-Raze and Rebuild of a SFH-DEP File#300-XXXX

- Owner/Applicant: Michael Detarando Representative: L. Jalbert, Jalbert Engineering
- Request: Issue OOC
- Documents Presented: n/a
- Jurisdiction: Buffer Zone and Bank
- Project Status Summary: Project was continued as the SCC had questions and as the DEP File # had not been issued.
- Staff Notes:
 - SCC raised concerns with the amount of impervious surface proposed on the site and requested that options are explored to reduce impervious areas. Concerns were also raised in regards to the loss of tree cover on site. It was requested that options are explored to mitigate/replace trees on the site. DEP has not issued a file # or comments to date.
 - Additional filing fees required by DEP for category 5 (bank impacts associated w/ dock and shoreline work) project to be submitted.
 - Staff have spoken to the engineer and they are still working with the applicant to address the SCC’s concerns. A written request for an extension as no DEP File # has been received and as working on addressing the SCC’s comments was discussed and is anticipated to be received.
- Staff Recommendations: Continue to the next meeting, Sept. 21, 2021, as requested.

5. 30 Main Street/20 Fiske Hill Road – NOI – Development of residential and commercial cul-de-sac subdivision – DEP File #300-1086

- Owner/Applicant: Mathew Sosik Representatives: Peter Engle, McClure Engineering
- Request: Issue Order of Conditions.
- Documents Presented: n/a

- Project Status Summary: Additional materials received for review and discussion at the last public hearing. Project was continued from the last meeting.
- Staff Notes:
 - It would appear that the comments have been answered and project has been revised to reflect those comments. Peer reviews have also been completed.
- Staff Recommendations: Staff recommend that the SCC vote to close the public hearing and approve the project through the issuance of Orders of Conditions w/ the conditions outlined in the draft permit. Special conditions are required for wetland restoration work, oversight and reporting during work and perpetual conditions for stormwater management activities.

6. 134-148 Lake Road-Request to Amend an Order of Conditions, DEP #300-1067-Amend permit to include paving of roadway

- Owner/Applicant: Thomas Clark, Big Alum Lake Association Representatives: Steve Pikul, Bertin Engineering, Inc.
- Request: Amend current Order of Conditions
- Documents Presented: n/a
- Jurisdiction: Buffer Zone to Bank and LUW
- Project Summary:
 - Original OOC issued to improve stormwater along unpaved portion of Lake Rd. Project was constructed and now they would like to pave 450 feet of the roadway. Hearing has been continued from 6-15-2021 to provide engineer time to review for stormwater compliance.
- Staff Notes:
 - Continuance request received again from the P.E. to the next meeting.
 - Staff have spoken to the applicant and they are concerned as to why additional information is required. Applicant sees that the changes made during work as an improvement. This may be the case, however, staff explained that DEP permitting requires that all changes are reviewed by the board as outlined in the permit. Also changes to the plan, require an as built plan to be submitted reflecting such changes. As this project was subject to the stormwater standards, it would appear that a P.E. would be needed to review the implemented changes to ensure that the project is in compliance with the stormwater standards.
- Staff Recommendations: Grant continuance to September 21, 2021 as requested. A site visit should be scheduled prior to the next meeting. If the SCC is satisfied with the implemented changes then approval can be granted for after the fact changes. A letter of substantial compliance and an as built plan should be submitted to reflect the changes per the permit.

7. 650 and 680 Route 15 – cont'd NOI – Proposed development of a Nursery and Tree Farm to include a perennial stream crossing-DEP File #300-1092

- Owner/Applicant: Mark Kubricky, Landing Rock LLC Representative: P. Engle, McClure Engineering
- Request: Issue OOC
- Documents Presented: n/a
- Project Status Summary: Project has been continued to allow the proponent to work to address the peer review comments, staff comments and the board's comments.
- Staff Notes:
 - The applicant's representative has submitted a request for a continuance to September 21, 2021 to work on addressing the comments.
- Staff Recommendations: Continue the public hearing to Sept. 21, 2021 as requested by the applicant.

8. 118 Leadmine Lane – continued NOI – Construction of a SFH, well, and septic system – DEP File #300-1073

- Owner: G. Kellaheer Applicant: A. Kellaheer Representative: G. Krevosky, EBT Environmental
- Request: Issue OOC.
- Documents Presented: n/a
- Project Summary: Project has continued as all EO items must be addressed before any new permits are issued.
- Staff Notes: Staff have been informed that some of the work has been completed. A continuance to Sept. 21, 2021 was discussed and is anticipated so they can finish the restoration work.
- Staff Recommendations: Recommend that this is continued until September 21, 2021 as that should give the property owner time to implement the plan and provide the required reporting to the board.

II. WETLANDS DECISIONS

9. 194 & 196 Big Alum Road- Tree Removal Permit Application

- Applicant: Brock Colwell Requester: same
- Request: Issue a Letter Permit
- Project Summary: Removal of 10 pine trees.
- Staff Notes: 10 large (80-100) ft tall pine trees requested to be removed. Trees are clustered and located within 2 houses. Property owner has expressed safety concerns with trees due to size with risk of failure or loss of limbs which have potential to fall on home and in yard. Notes and understands tree replacement requirements. Looking for suggestions.
- Staff Recommendations: SCC could request an arborist's report. However, staff anticipate that arborist would say that there is a level of risk with the trees based on previous reports received. Unfortunate to loss the mature pines along the lake, however, there are additional mature trees on the properties and the safety issue is a concern. Staff recommend approval of the request with the replacement of trees on site. It would not appear that the site could handle a 2:1 replanting. Suggest less trees and to locate on other areas of site too.

10. 42 Champeaux Road-Request for Permit Extension- DEP file #300-1023

- Owner/Applicant: Jean Sullivan Requester: same
- Request: Grant Permit Extension
- Project Summary: Construction of a SFH.
- Staff Notes: Project has not been started due to pandemic and market. Requesting 3-year extension.
- Staff Recommendations: Grant extension of 3 years.

11. 92, 94 & 96 Hall Road Culvert -Ratify an Emergency Authorization

- Applicant to perform Work: Clearview Construction Property Owner: Sturbridge DHC LLC
- Request: Ratify issued Emergency Authorization
- Project Summary: A sink hole was created on the property. Review of the site has determined that the much of the CMP which runs under the developed property is has started to deteriorate. Plan received to remove and replace pipe. Site is a developed apartment complex and the sink hole nad potential for new sink holes is a safety threat. EA granted by Agent with Chair.
- Staff Recommendations: Ratify issuance of the Emergency Authorization.

12. 64 South Shore Drive-Request for COC-DEP File #300-1020

- Owner/Applicant: Andrew Houle Requester: Green Hill Engineering
- Request: Issue an COC
- Project Summary: Project included the replacement of a failing wood vertical shoreline wall a boulder wall, replacement of steps and walkways with and landscaping of the embankment to the lake.
- Staff Notes:
 - PE letter of substantial compliance received.
 - Staff site visit performed. No concerns with project as implemented.
- Staff Recommendations: Issue a CoC with the following perpetual conditions as noted in the OOC: SC#41 - 45

III. ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS

13. Reorganization of the Board FY 2022

UPDATES

IV. OLD BUSINESS

V. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

14. Committee Updates: CPA, Trails, Open Space, and Lake Advisory

VI. NEW BUSINESS

15. Agent's Report

16. Next Meeting-September 21, 2021 and Site Visit Schedule-September14, 2021 9-12 pm

OTHER TOPICS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR

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