

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Ed Schwarz, Vice-Chairman Cathy Minter, Michiel Zegers, Ted von Rosenvinge and James Smith

Mr. Schwarz opened the December 17th meeting of the Weston Conservation Commission at 7:30 p.m.

SET WALK DATE

The walk date was set for January 9, 2016. The Commissioners will meet at Town Hall at 8:00 a.m.

RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS

- Shane, 37 Hackberry Hill Road, swimming pool
- Wolf, 11 Homeward Lane, pond restoration (Nazarro)
- Engen, 35 Kellogg Hill Road, pond restoration (Nazarro)
- Delgrasso, 5 Meadowbrook Lane, pond restoration (Nazarro)
- Levy, 75 Norfield Road, swimming pool (Marquee Pools)

MOTION FOR RECEIPT:

Mr. Schwarz made a motion to receive the applications and Mr. Zegers seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (5-0).

DISCUSSION OF APPLICATION: ESTATE OF CAROL A. MOORE, 123 WESTON ROAD, SEPTIC REPAIR

Richard Bennett, P.E. came forward and stated that he designed the new septic system. He noted that the current septic system failed over a year ago. The husband is in a care facility and the wife has died and the property cannot be sold because the septic has failed. He pointed out the large wetland covering more than half of this property and it also extends beyond the property. Mr. Bennett explained that he worked with the Health Department to move the new system to the front of property which is near a small wetland but the only location they can find to get the system in. He noted it is not a desirable location because of the expense of locating it up front and also noted that the well needs to be relocated to the rear of property. There is also an old tank that will be abandoned. Mr. Zegers questioned whether they were going to remove the debris in the front and Mr. von Rosenvinge noted that the Commission likes to see double silt fencing with hay bales. Discussion ensued.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Schwarz made a motion to approve the application for septic repair as shown on plans prepared by Richard Bennett, P.E. dated 7/28/15, revised 9/2/15 and revised and signed 12/17/15, subject to the Standard Conditions A-I and

J. A double silt fence with hay bales in the middle is to be constructed.

K. The wetland area in the front is to be cleaned of debris. Ms. Minter seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried (5-0).

DISCUSSION OF APPLICATION CONT.: DUSHKU, 11 LAUREL RIDGE LANE, ADDITIONS

Mr. Dushku came forward to discuss the application. He noted that this is “stage 2” of the process. Last month he did not have information regarding the drainage controls so he presented a new plan which has additional silt fencing and drainage systems. Mr. Dushku indicated the locations of the catch basins noting that they have calculated for more than they need to be on the safe side. The septic system was approved last month so they are now asking for approval for the addition.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Ms. Minter made a motion to approve the application for an addition as shown on plans prepared by Anderson Septic Services dated 10/26/15 and revised 11/13/15, subject to the Standard Conditions A-I. Mr. Schwarz seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried (5-0).

DISCUSSION OF APPLICATION CONT: MEHTA, 43 WALNUT LANE

Attorney Glenn Major came forward and presented new drawings noting that the pool has been removed. Mr. von Rosenvinge stated that the prior report on the bridge had a lot of limitations and exculpatory language that was objected to by the Commission and they wanted that language removed and certified and stamped by the Engineer. He noted that the new report satisfies the Commission’s concerns about the bridge. Attorney Major also noted that the retaining wall will be reconstructed bringing the walls down to 6 ft. Roger Webb came forward to discuss how the retaining walls would be constructed and discussion ensued.

[Mr. Zegers left for fire call at 8:20]

Following discussion, the following motions were made:

MOTION TO LIFT CEASE & DESIST ORDER

Mr. Schwarz made a Motion to lift the Cease and Desist order dated 9/18/08 and Mr. von Rosenvinge seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (4-0).

MOTION TO GRANT EXTENSION

Mr. Schwarz made a Motion to grant an extension of the 5/1/07 approval for 5 years to 5/1/2012 and Ms. Minter seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (4-0).

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Schwarz made a Motion to approve the Modification of the 5/1/07 approval to remove the retaining wall closest to the dwelling and amend the re-grading plan, as shown on plans prepared by Atlantic Consulting and Engineering dated 12/10/14, modified 12/7/2015 and further modified on 12/17/2015 with notes by the applicant related to the stone wall construction for existing and proposed walls, subject to the Standard Conditions A-I and

J. The engineer shall submit an as-built plan following completion certifying that the actual construction is in substantial compliance with the approved plans.

K. The planting plan is to be reviewed and approved by the Conservation Planner.

Mr. von Rosenvinge seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (4-0).

DISCUSSION/DECISION CONT: CEASE & DESIST ORDER, 15 SOUNDVIEW FARM ROAD, SITE WORK, REGRADING AND FILL

Tom Ryder from LandTech came forward, showed the plan and indicated how much of the fill has been removed. He stated that there is some concern about removing more because of the proximity to the septic system. Mr. Ryder noted that they removed most of the fill from the wetlands and they need to have the surveyor come out to do elevations. He also explained that they have to show a reserve area and go through the Health Department. Discussion ensued regarding removing all of the fill or leaving it and having it tested.

Following discussion, the matter was continued to the February meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schwarz made a motion to approve the November 19, 2015 Minutes and Ms. Minter seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (4-0).

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. von Rosenvinge made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Schwarz seconded. All in favor, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Delana Lustberg
Recording Secretary