

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Ed Schwarz, Vice-Chairman, Catherine Minter, Robert Turner, Chris Spaulding, Michiel Zegers, James Smith and Ted von Rosenvinge

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

SET WALK DATE

The walk date was set for November 7, 2015. The Commissioners will meet at Town Hall at 8:00 a.m.

RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS

- Weston 1 LLC, 107 Georgetown Road, replace septic
- Siegel, 7 Saugatuck River Road, new house (Jon Rogers)
- Siegel, 11 Saugatuck River Road, new house (Jon Rogers)
- Dushku, 11 Laurel Ridge Lane, additions & new septic
- Zawadski, 5 Smith Ridge Road, new house (Richard Bennett)
- Sawyer, 69, 71, 73, 75 Norfield Road proposed driveway/culvert repair

MOTION FOR RECEIPT:

Mr. Schwarz made a motion to receive the application of Weston 1 LLC, 107 Georgetown Road and Mr. von Rosenvinge seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (7-0).

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MEHTA, 43 WALNUT LANE (W. GLENN MAJOR, ATTORNEY) WETLANDS PERMIT NO. 2006-43 – APPROVED 5/1/07; 1A. MODIFICATION OF THE CONDITION 1 FOR LIFTING THE CEASE & DESIST FROM THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2008 CONSERVATION COMMISSION HEARING, TO ALLOW EXISTING STONE RETAINING WALL TO REMAIN AS CONSTRUCTED.; 1B.AFTER APPROVING THE ABOVE MODIFICATION, LIFT THE CEASE & DESIST ORDER; 1C.GRANT AN EXTENSION OF THE 5/1/2007 APPROVAL FOR 5 YEARS, UNTIL 5/1/2021; 2. A MODIFICATION OF THE 5/1/07 APPROVAL TO REMOVE RETAINING WALL CLOSEST TO DWELLING, CONSTRUCT A SWIMMING POOL AND AMEND THE REGRADING PLAN.

Attorney Glenn Major and the engineer, representing the owner came forward. Attorney Major stated that they originally wanted the C&D lifted. Mr. Schwarz stated that the Commission denied that request and wanted them to come back with new plan. Attorney Major read from the Minutes from the original 2008 approval noting that one of the conditions was to provide proof of professional liability insurance. Mr. von Rosenvinge commented that what was requested was Certification from the Engineer that the retaining wall was structurally sound.

Mr. Villaluz, Engineer with Atlantic Consulting & Engineering LLC, came forward and explained that they hired a lab to conduct NC2 testing of the concrete for the culvert. He then explained the methods used and results of that testing for the Commission. Mr. von Rosenvinge stated that the issue they had was that the design was not stamped by a licensed civil engineer. Mr. Villaluz stated that it passed the Connecticut Design Manuel and will be able to handle force. Mr. von Rosenvinge noted that there were some assumptions in the report and that the limitations were too major. He wants the engineers to put their stamp on the line and verify that the information is accurate.

Mr. Villaluz then addressed the retaining wall and presented new drawings. He explained that they have modified the plan from the last time and propose to take down the large wall to meet the current Town specs. It will be only 6 ft. high, and will be a 2 tier retaining wall. Mr. Spaulding posed a question regarding the construction sequencing and Roger Webb from Roger Webb Septic and Excavating came forward and explained that they will be taking down sections at a time, leaving the first course down there almost 6 ft. high and all the material is blasted ledge. He proposes to put silt fencing at the lower portion of the walls noting that there is not much soil, its mostly blasted stone. Silt fences done by hand. Discussion ensued.

Following discussion, Mr. Schwarz stated that they are looking for more detailed calculations, they need to feel comfortable that all the analysis has been done and stamped drawings need to be provided.

Following some additional discussion, the matter was continued to the next month's meeting.

DISCUSSION OF APPLICATION: SKUNK PROPERTIES LLC, 6 DRAGONWOOD LANE, LOT 4, LOT DEVELOPMENT, NEW HOUSE (HUNTINGTON CO.)

Michael Buturla, P.E. from Huntington Co. came forward and presented the plans for the Commission's review. He explained that this is one of the lots in the 4 lot subdivision which was approved in 2011 and they are now here for site specific review. Mr. Buturla explained that they propose to construct a 1,700 sq. ft. dwelling and indicated the wetlands area on the plan as the highlighted areas. He noted that the WWHD gave approval for a septic system for a 4 bedroom house and the proposed well on the southerly side.

Mr. Smith asked if they were going to have to bring in fill and Mr. Buturla explained that they will have to do some regrading to get the elevation for the house and there will be no basement. He also indicated the location of the galleys for storm water maintenance. Mr. Ziegers questioned how they proposed to stabilize the new slope and Mr. Buturla stated that they can provide a planting plan.

Following some additional discussion regarding fill, Steve Nimeroff came forward and addressed the issue of the staging site stating that it was his error that the area was used, all the digging was piled there and it was all from on-site. They have set up silt fences on the driveway and everything has been stabilized and they will follow up on that next week. During construction they will pull the fill back out and submit a planting plan for that buffer zone between the house and the wetland area.

Hearing no additional discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Schwarz made a motion to approve the application for new house at 6 Dragonwood Lane, as shown on plans prepared by The Huntington Co., LLC, dated 6/26/14, and with the Standard Conditions A-I and Condition J: The Applicant will submit a planting plan for the area between the stone wall and house to be approved by the Conservation Planner. Ms. Minter seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried (7-0).

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

Tom Ryder, Senior Biologist with LandTech came forward and explained that they went out to the site and there is a very deep level of soil. They began by removing the area of soil in the wetlands yesterday but need to remove more soil before they can do any soil testing. He noted that most of the soil is being moved off-site with some moved around so that they can work back in that area.

Mr. Ryder then requested that the Commission approve a temporary driveway construction so that the family can safely access their property. Discussion ensued.

Following discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Zeigers made a motion to approve the temporary driveway construction plan dated 10/15/15 and prepared by LandTech showing 6 inches of aggregate in place. Mr. Schwarz seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried (7-0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schwarz made a motion to approve the September 17, 2015 Minutes and Mr. Spaulding seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (7-0).

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. von Rosenvinge made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Spaulding seconded. All in favor, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Delana Lustberg
Recording Secretary