

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Ed Schwarz, Robert Turner, Michiel Zegers and Ted von Rosenvinge
Vice-Chairman, Cathy Minter (8:20)
David Pattee, Conservation Planner

Mr. Schwarz opened the November 19th meeting of the Weston Conservation Commission at 7:30 p.m.

SET WALK DATE

The walk date was set for December 5, 2015. The Commissioners will meet at Town Hall at 8:00 a.m.

RECEIPT OF APPLICATION

- Estate of Carol A. Moore (M. Valentine Exec.) 123 Weston Rd, septic repair

MOTION FOR RECEIPT:

Mr. Schwarz made a motion to receive the application of Estate of Carol A. Moore (M. Valentine Exec.) 123 Weston Rd and Mr. von Rosenvinge seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (4-0).

DISCUSSION OF APPLICATION: WESTON 1 LLC, 107 GEORGETOWN ROAD, REPLACE SEPTIC

Larry Beausoleil, representing Weston 1 LLC came forward to discuss the application. He explained that it is currently a two bedroom sized septic system and the owners want to have an upgraded septic system installed. They will get rid of the existing paving and asphalt and have it landscaped. Mr. Schwarz noted it would be a four bedroom sized system. Mr. Beausoleil stated that the approval from the Westport/Weston Health District is in the file. Discussion on additional silt fencing ensued.

Following discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Schwarz made a motion to approve the application of Weston 1 LLC, 107 Georgetown Road as shown on plans prepared by Connecticut Consulting Engineers dated 3/7/2011 and revised 11/19/15 at the meeting, subject to Standard Conditions A-I and J. Double silt fence with hay bales in between is to be installed. Mr. Zegers seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried (4-0).

DISCUSSION OF APPLICATION: SIEGEL, 7 SAUGATUCK RIVER ROAD, NEW HOUSE (JON ROGERS)

DISCUSSION OF APPLICATION: SIEGEL, 11 SAUGATUCK RIVER ROAD, NEW HOUSE (JON ROGERS)

Larry Edwards, P.E. came forward to discuss the application. He stated that there is an existing oversized home site and existing house, pool and pool house. The proposal is to take down the existing house, split the lot into two building lots, one house will be in the same general area but will be smaller. That house will be serviced by new driveway on what is presently a grass path. The second house will be located adjacent to the existing pool which will have access to existing pool, pool house and tennis court and serviced by existing driveway. Mr. Edwards explained that the two man made ponds have no inlet. There is a large pump in the garage that they believe is taking water from the river and allows it to discharge into the ponds. Mr. Zegers questioned how they would keep that system running while the construction is going on and discussion ensued.

Jon Rogers, builder, came forward and stated that there may be a period of time when the pump will be down but they have no intention of letting it go, they consider it a selling point to have the ponds. Mr. Edwards stated that he believes the wetland would continue to be a wetland if the water was not pumped in, but it would not be to the level of "pond". Discussion continued.

Following discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Schwarz made a motion to approve the application of Siegel, 7-11 Saugatuck River Road as shown on plans prepared by Jonathan Rogers dated 9/29/15 and subject to the Standard Conditions A-I and J. The Commission designates the two ponds as wetlands with the understanding that the applicant will enter into a joint easement for the two properties obligating the owners to maintain the wetlands. Mr. Zegers seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried (4-0).

DISCUSSION OF APPLICATION: DUSHKU, 11 LAUREL RIDGE LANE, ADDITIONS & NEW SEPTIC

Nick Dushku, owner, came forward to discuss the application. He stated that the plan is to expand their one bedroom house to a three bedroom house so the septic system needs to be replaced. He noted that they have received approval from the Westport/Weston Health District. Mr. Dushku then indicated the location on the plan and noted that they also received a Variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Zegers suggested that they put a double silt fence with hay bales in the middle and Mr. Dushku indicated that on the plan.

Mr. Zegers then asked Mr. Dushku the plan for the drainage of the runoff and he indicated that he did not know that at this time. Mr. Schwarz suggested that they could split the approval and they could come back to the next meeting with that information. Discussion ensued.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Schwarz made a motion to approve the replacement of the septic system for Dushku, 11 Laurel Ridge Lane, as shown on plans prepared by Andersen Septic Service Plan dated

10/26/2015 and subject to the Standard Conditions A-I. and J. A double silt fence with haybales and extension of silt fence were added to the plan and signed and dated 11/19/2015. Mr. Turner seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried (4-0).

DISCUSSION OF APPLICATION: ZAWADSKI, 5 SMITH RIDGE ROAD, NEW HOUSE (RICHARD BENNETT)

Richard Bennett, P.E. came forward to present the plans. He stated that it is a 2 acre parcel in a 12 lot subdivision. He presented revised plans based on comments from the site walk with the footing drains added. He indicated the location of the wetlands and the 100 ft. setback line and noted that the septic, well are uphill and outside the 100 ft. line. The only things that will be within the 100 ft. setback are the footing drains. He also indicated the underground Cultecs that will pick up all the runoff from the house and the driveway. Discussion ensued.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Zegers made a motion to approve the application for Zawadski, 5 Smith Ridge Road, as shown on plans prepared by Richard Bennett, P.E., dated 11/5/2015, subject to the Standard Conditions A-I and J. A double silt fence with haybales in the middle was added to the plan and signed and dated 11/19/2015. Mr. Schwarz seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried (4-0).

Cathy Minter joined the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

DISCUSSION OF APPLICATION: SAWYER, 69, 71, 73, 75 NORFIELD ROAD PROPOSED DRIVEWAY/CULVERT REPAIR

Chris Allen from LandTech came forward and stated that the residents got together and put a temporary concrete fix in about 5 years ago and now the culvert is broken and there is a sense of emergency for vehicles to enter and exit. They do not plan on changing anything, they are just replacing the pipes and repairing the culvert. He noted that it should take about 3 days to complete the project. Discussion ensued.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Ms. Minter made a motion to approve the application of Sawyer, 69, 71, 73, 75 Norfield Road as shown on a plan prepared by LandTech, dated 11/15/2010, and modified 11/19/2015 showing double silt fence on both sides of the driveway and subject to the Standard Conditions A-I and J. A double silt fence with haybales and extension of silt fence were added to the plan and signed and dated 11/19/2015. Mr. Schwarz seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried (5-0).

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

Tom Ryder, Senior Biologist with LandTech came forward and explained that the soil has started to be moved around and showed pictures of the progress. They wanted to move forward so they can start work in the front of the house on the driveway. Mr. Ryder showed them the driveway layout and asked for approval for a permanent driveway. Discussion ensued.

During discussion, Mr. Pattee indicated that they have removed about 1/3rd or 1/2 of the fill that was brought in. Mr. Ryder noted that the plan is to remove the soil down to the original level so they can determine what the wetland line is. Discussion continued.

Following discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Schwarz made a motion to approve the driveway construction plan dated 11/13/15 and prepared by LandTech. The applicant will return to the next meeting with additional information. Mr. von Rosenvinge seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried (5-0).

DISCUSSION ON 2016 MEETING DATES

The Commission discussed the proposed dates and made revisions to be made by Mrs. Lewis.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schwarz made a motion to approve the October 15, 2015 Minutes and Ms. Minter seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (5-0).

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

Respectfully submitted,

Delana Lustberg
Recording Secretary