CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

October 11, 2018 at Town Hall

Members Present: Matthew Puntin, Mark Curtin, Joshua Briggs, Laura Lee Bertram (Clerk)

Members Absent: Reba Schechter, Amanda Hamilton

Public Present: Mike Kulig (Berkshire Engineering), Craig Dumas, Que Ranne Rhee

Matthew Puntin made a motion to open the meeting at 7:12pm

1) Public Hearing - RDA Monterey Rd: submitted October 1, 2018 by Berkshire Engineering, INC – Mike Kulig walked the Board through the project; single family home, driveway, septic, well on 22.5 acres with a gravel road to house and garage site with a barn. Plan shows that proposed buildings and work meet 50 foot setback to wetlands. Mike Kulig explained to the Board that the property owners would like to vista prune a small area between the two areas of wetlands to the South/East, while remaining 50 feet from the designated wetlands. Josh suggested a site visit by the Board to view the vista prune plan prior to any cutting to allow the Board to better determine what trees should/should not be removed. Mike Kulig went on to say that the property owners would like to cut more trees than shown on the plan. Matt responded that as long as the cutting was not in the wetland buffer zones, the cutting was permitted. Mike showed the Board on the plan that some of the cuttings proposed would be in the 100 foot buffer zone. The Board agreed that the plan could be amended to allow tree cutting up to the existing stone wall to the South of the proposed house site, but not within the 50 foot buffer zone of the wetlands.

Matt made a motion at 7:35pm to approve the RDA with a negative 3 determination with 4 Special Conditions;

- 1. Any activity within wetland buffers have erosion control.
- 2. Clearing South of house has been amended to allow cutting to existing stone wall.
- 3. Vista Prune clearing to South/East by proposed barn permitted according to the Board's written specifications from an on-site visit to be completed at a future date.
- 4. Work to be performed according to revised plan dated October 11, 2018.

Mark Curtin seconded. Approved unanimously.

Que asked about livestock fencing. Matt responded that fencing was exempt. Que asked when they should begin the permit process. Matt told her they could begin tonight. Board signed off on permit. Que asked how they would get a 911 number and Matt told her to contact Molly at the Town Hall.

Previous Meeting Minutes: The board read and approved minutes from July 12, 2018 and September 13, 2018.

Mail: Forest Cutting Plan received for Ann Palmer's property on George Cannon Rd. DEP sent notifications that two dock license application have expired.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION SIGN IN

Thursday, October 11, 2018

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MEETING NOTICE

Committee	Conservation Commission				
Date:	Thursday, October 11, 2018				
Time:	7:00 PM				
Location:	Town Hall, 116 Main Road				
Submitted By:		Molly Curtin-Schafer			
Agenda:					

- 1) Dumas, Craig / Rhee, Que-Ranne Monterey Road, RDA. Partial site clearing and grubbing to allow for construction of site improvements.
- 2) Read and approve previous meeting minutes.
- 3) Read and review mail

Board or

- 4) Audit past files to check for follow-up documentation
- 5) Any other business brought before the board.

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