

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

July 12, 2018

Members Present: Matthew Puntin, Mark Curtin, Amanda Hamilton, April Curtin (Clerk, non-voting)

Members Absent: Joshua Curtin

Public Present: Charles Slater, Jr., Mike Kulig (Berkshire Engineering), Molly Wendt, William Wendt, Shannon Boomsma (White Engineering)

Matthew Puntin made a motion to open the meeting at 7 PM

1) Public Hearing - NOI 40A McCarty Road (Wendt) submitted June 4, 2018 by White Engineering, INC, continued from June 14, 2018– Matthew Puntin opened the meeting asking if The Wendt family or the representative from White Engineering would like to explain the project they are presenting the board with. Shannon Boomsma opened the discussion explaining how the applicant would like to relocate the driveway due to the steep grade of the existing driveway, safety issues with respect to small children playing along the existing driveway, and dangerous winter conditions. The new driveway would utilize the existing driveway from McCarty Road to the new studio, with a new section of driveway being constructed from existing driveway, around the pool house and pool and connect back to the existing driveway. The proposed driveway would alter 738 SF of wet meadow, which is a reduction from the original plan of altering 2976 SF. The applicant would replicate 800 SF of wetlands. Blueberry bushes will be placed in the replicated wetlands and that area will not be mowed. The driveway itself will be constructed of 12" of crushed stone on top of the Mirafi 500x road stabilization fabric with 6" of compacted gravel surface. Once Shannon Boomsma presented the plan and it was open for discussion, the conversation discussed the differences with the original plan submitted on June 4, 2018 and the plan submitted on July 12, 2018 in light of DEP's recent comments in relation to this project. William Wendt appeared confused as to why the engineer did not present the first plan if what DEP commented was not mandated. Matthew Puntin explained that even if the Tyringham Conservation Commission approved the original plan, there is a chance that the DEP would make a determination otherwise as they may feel strongly about their recommendations. At this time, William Wendt would like to continue the hearing until a future date so he has time to discuss the two plans with his engineer. Matthew Puntin made a motion to continue the hearing till August 2, 2018. This motion was seconded by Amanda Hamilton, all in favor. A site visit was scheduled for 6:30 PM on August 2, 2018.

2) Public Hearing - NOI 100 Main Road (Firehouse): submitted June 4, 2018 submitted by Berkshire Engineering, Inc. on behalf of The Tyringham Volunteer Fire Company:

Matthew Puntin asked the Tyringham Volunteer Fire Company to present the board with their intentions. Mike Kulig spoke on behalf of the Fire Company. Mike Kulig said the current plan is to demolish the existing building and place a larger building that is pushed back. They plan to use the established Flood Plain plan created by Bob Brown of Accord Engineering and plan to compensate on the other side of the brook. The access may be thru the Trustees property across the brook, otherwise they will utilize the existing footbridge with small equipment. They also discussed DEP comments (on file in the Selectmen's Office). Mike Kulig stated they will

compensate across Hop Brook at same elevation. In the compensatory area, blueberry bushes will be planted. The mitigation area will be surrounded by a split rail fence; all invasives will be removed and four new trees placed. Mark Curtin asked who would be maintaining the compensatory area. Charles Slater, Jr agreed the Fire Department would maintain this area. Matthew Puntin made a motion to approve an Order of Conditions with all work shall be performed in accordance with the Notice of Intent submitted by Berkshire Engineering on June 4, 2018 with two special conditions. NHESP provided comments which were incorporated into the Order. Additionally, the applicant is responsible for maintaining the compensation area.


Previous Meeting Minutes: The commission members reviewed the May 10, 2018 and June 14, 2018 Meeting minutes and voted unanimously to approve.

Mail: The FY19 Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commission Due (board voted unanimously to continue membership and to pay dues. The board reviewed the Forestry Memorandum of Understanding signed by Leo Roy, Commissioner Department of Conservation and Recreation on 6/06/2018 and building permit #443 & 449.

Other Business brought before the board: None

Matthew Puntin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. Mark seconded this motion, all in favor.

Minutes Approved:



Matthew Puntin, Conservation Commission Chair

10/11/18

Date:

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 2, 2018.

Please Note: All documents supporting Public Hearing decisions are kept on file in the Conservation Commission Files located at 116 Main Road. These are public record and open for inspection upon request during open office hours.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION SIGN IN

Thursday, July 12, 2018

Molly Wendt

WILL WENDT

Shannon Boomsma

MIKE KULIG

Charles Slater