

# Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

## Remote Zoom Meeting

April 14, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM

Members Present: Matt Puntin, Josh Briggs, Mark Caldwell, Linda Tvrdy Laura Lee Bertram -

Others Present: Jackson Alberti and Mark Volk from Foresight, Pachano & Voller Architecture, James & Denise Curtin of 111 Main Road, Sarah from Goose Pond Maintenance District,

### 1. 103 Main Road -Gallo NOI

- a. Jackson shared his screen and Foresight gave an overview of the project. Applicants are proposing a retirement home on the same location site, just a little larger footprint. Driveway is now a 22% grade gravel drive; proposed drive way will be a 15% paved drive. Entire work area is in the 200' Hop Brook Riverfront area. Proposed new house and site work is 1271 sf larger than existing degraded area.
- b. Discussion on abandoning the current septic system and connecting to the existing septic that has the capacity for this house, and the benefit this new system offers to the riverfront area.
- c. Matt asked for questions and comments from Commission members. Josh asked for the legal definition of "degraded". Answer was lacking top soil. Josh asked what are those areas now? Answer was existing gravel driveway, gravel parking at top of driveway by house and cottage site.
- d. Linda commented that riverfront improvements are in the 1:1 bucket and riverfront mitigation is in the 2:1 bucket. 2,400 SF of mitigation to cover 1,200 SF of degeneration. With 2,500 s.f. of new plantings in a 6,939 SF area.
- e. Commission discussed the pro and con of paved vs gravel driveways. Matt explained why he prefers a paved drive over a gravel drive, especially on a steep grade such as this driveway. Gravel allows for more runoff and eroding. Paved drive solidifies the surface and prevents wash-away and provides a clean surface for snow removal plowing. Mark asked how water is managed on the paved drive and how will you grow on the old driveway without eroding. He was answered that the old drive will be covered with topsoil and erosion control fabric will be added. This fabric will last about a year and gives the soil, seeds and plantings time to become established with a root system. Matt answered that the water control on a paved drive is sheet flow and is more desirable than collected water.
- f. Matt asked if there were any public comments. Denise Curtin mentioned the aesthetics of the proposed plantings and meadow and how that was going to fit into this area of Main Road surrounded by nicely mowed lawns. Matt suggested that as opposed to only 2 mowings a year, that they could mow once a month. The Gallo's also responded that the front yard will not be a typical farm meadow, but will be professionally landscaped with plantings and flowers and that it will be a nice and attractive area that is maintained.
- g. James Curtin asked where the 100 year floodplain line was located on this property. Matt responded that the floodplain maps in Tyringham had no elevation, but this was in the outer limit line of the 100 year floodplain. James responded he had floodplain maps in hand that showed this area was outside the 100 year floodplain.
- h. With no other comments from members of the public, Matt made a motion to approve and issue an OOC to follow the plan as presented and described. Josh seconded. All members present voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously
- i. Mark Volk from Foresight will record the OOC.

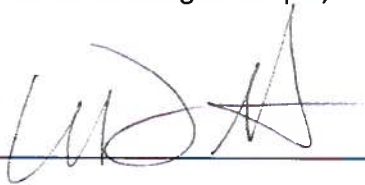
2. **Goose Pond Maintenance District Informal Inquiry on NOI Ext.**

- a. Sarah came before the Commission for an informal discussion to inquire on obtaining another 3 year extension for a NOI to draw down and provide herbicide treatments to Goose Pond. Sarah explained that she has been before the Lee Conservation Commission and they will be allowing for a three year extension. Sarah explained that they do a 6' draw down for about 45 days that allows for them to complete the work necessary to promote native plant regrowth. Matt mentioned he would like to see the work continue as it was working well. There were no questions from other members, and all members are in favor of granting a 3 year extension. Sarah said she will file a formal request in late June to early July.

3. No mail to be reviewed.

4. Matt adjourned the meeting at 8:06pm, Mark Second. All in favor.

APPROVED



Laura Lee Bertram on behalf of the Conservation Commission

5/10/22

Date

Approved by:

Date:

Via:

Matt Puntin

4/27/22

Email - 7:07AM

Joshua Briggs

4/27/22

Email 7:09AM

Linda Tvrdy

4/27/22

Email - 7:11AM

Mark Caldwell

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