

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2017

Meeting held at Tyringham Town Hall located at 116 Main Rd.

Commission Member Attendees: Matthew Puntin, Barbara Palmer, Mark Curtin, Tracy Remelius, Amanda Hamilton and April Curtin (Clerk)

Public Attendees: Benjamin Naylor (Berkshire Engineering, Inc.) Wade Freeman, Anthony Chiaravalotti, Noah Choquette

Meeting started at 7:00 pm

The meeting opened with introductions and then immediately proceeded with the first RDA brought to the Commission which was for Anthony Chiaravalotti. He is intending to build a single family home at the end of Main Rd. (a number has yet to be determined). Currently there is an existing logging road which is the access road and will become the driveway. He would like to install a Septic System. Berkshire Engineering filed the RDA to be on the safe side as the work to be completed is outside of the buffer zone, however, in case a truck were to mistakenly drive off the road or any other unpredictable incidents were to occur, they wanted to ensure they had any necessary preventative measures in place to protection of bordering vegetated wetland areas. Matt made a motion to approve the RDA and a motion to issue Determination of Applicability which was seconded by the other commission members with the condition that there needs to be a silt fence or any other form of appropriate erosion control along the driveway which was labeled on the large plan drawn 3/10/2017 for Subsurface Sewage Disposal System by Matt. This was previously noted on the smaller map by Berkshire Engineering. Anthony Chiaravalotti expressed frustration with the addition of the silt fence as a condition as he felt this was an unnecessary step that will increase his costs, however, he agreed he will do as the commission has suggested as it is also noted on one of the map submitted. Matt also made a motion which was seconded by the other commission members that projects for this site due to need to file another RDA if they follow the conditions of this RDA unless there are to be upgrades to the road, then they will need to come back to the commission with a new RDA.

Wade Freeman Whom lives at 14 Lakeside Dr. came on behalf of his mom Joann Freeman whom owns 14 Lakeside Drive. They would like to upgrade their current septic system. Wade and Matt described the lot as a constricting lot with a narrow area to install the system outside of the 50ft buffer zone. Matt made a motion to approve the RDA and a motion to issue Determination of Applicability with the condition that a liner is installed on the downhill side of the system as well as the installation of erosion control at the limit of the work area which Matt and Wade highlighted on the plan dated 4/26/2017 Subsurface Disposal System upgrade for 14 Lakeside Drive, the other commission members seconded this motion.

Noah Choquette came to discuss the ongoing concern for the beaver issue on Sodom Rd. and Main Rd by Beach Rd. The beavers are building a dam below Beach Rd. which is affecting bridge on downstream side of Main Rd. The beaver have recently established a new den on upper Main Road. The lower one is holding back quite a bit of water which is currently at bridge level. The lower one is hard to get to get to, but they are able to with the equipment they have. The one on upper one on Main Rd. will be harder to get to and will require hand work as they will need to be delicate in that area due to mud concerns. Matt would like to discuss a permanent solution and will be discussing this at the Select Board meeting and with future conversations and research.

There was no public comment.

Matt made a motion to close the hearing of the Notice of Intent at 8 pm which was seconded by the other board members

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Documents used for meeting:

RDA Application on behalf of Anthony Chiaravalotti, submitted by Berkshire Engineering, Subsurface Sewage Disposal System Map dated 3/10/2017.

RDA Application on behalf of Joan Freeman for 14 Lakeside Drive, submitted by Berkshire Engineering, Subsurface Disposal System Upgrade Map dated 4/26/2017.

****These documents can be found in the Conservation Commission files located at the Tyringham Town Hall.**