

Conservation Commission – June 1, 2012

Members present were co-chairs Mr. Ned Wilson, Mr. John Weinstein & Mr. Peter Marks; meeting was called to order at 10:24 AM.

Meeting minutes of April 28th were accepted as amended.

Vergelegen LLC/Koerner Hearing: Present for this hearing was representative, Mr. Peter Whitehead. Applicant submitted a RDA for the purpose of painting the bridge over the Konkapot River. Property location is 2128 Canaan Southfield Road. Mr. Whitehead states that a man lift will be used to apply the paint and that they will cover the river with stretch plastic. Mr. Whitehead also mentioned that it will take 1 day to paint per side of the bridge. After the discussion a motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve this application with a negative #2.

Coote Hearing: Continued hearing from last month's meeting. Mr. Coote submitted a request to withdrawal his application at this time and will resubmit a new application in the future.

Frohne Hearing: Present for this hearing was representative, Mr. Robert Levesque of R. Levesque Associates, Inc. Also present was abutters Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Marcus, and Ms. Martha Bryan, Co-president of the Land Trust. Applicant submitted a NOI for the purpose of construction of a driveway to an existing single-family home. A portion of the driveway falls within the outer portion of the 100' buffer to bordering vegetated wetlands. The proposed driveway requires one stream crossing. Said crossing will not disturb any resource areas ((no bank disturbance). Property location is 0 Brewer Hill Road. Mr. Levesque states that the driveway will be a gravel driveway and that the applicant is in the process of purchasing 25 acres from the property owner. Mr. Levesque stated that BVW will be towards the beginning of the driveway and this project is only a buffer zone project – no resources areas will be impacted. Mr. Levesque mentioned that a box culvert 4 foot depth will be used. This location is not mapped as a flooding zone. Abutters are concern that the commission should walk the whole proposed driveway and would like the commission to do before making any decisions. The commission states that they can't do an order of conditions without a file number from DEP. Mr. Levesque requests to continue this hearing until the next meeting. The commission scheduled a site visit for Saturday, June 16th at 8:30AM and meeting for 10AM. A motion was made, and so voted to continue this hearing until June 16th.

Odegaard Hearing: Present for this hearing was property owner Mr. Edward Odegaard. Applicant submitted a RDA for the purpose of replacement of a existing footbridge, install a subsurface drainage system, consisting of 6" ADS pipe, and associated catch basins for surface water, below high water table, at a depth of 3 feet below existing grade, more or less (below the point where soil becomes dense and less permeable, i.e. typically in the "C" layer of the soil). Below the southeast corner of the apartment, 6"ADS pipe to solid, not slotted. Install utility trench from the garage at the main building to proposed drainage system and install other miscellaneous utility trenches within the driveway/parking area behind the main building

(including electric cables, telephone lines, septic lines, and water lines). Install a utility trench from the existing utility pole, in a westerly direction, along the existing driveway, to connect with proposed utility trenching. Modify driveway approved under prior RDA to allow for a small cul-de-sac at the end. Driveway will lead from the area behind the main factory building to the location of the former garage. Property location is 204 Norfolk Road. After Mr. Odegaard reviewed the five phrase of work with the commission a motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve this application as a negative #3 with the condition being: maximum of one post may go into the fire pond to support the new deck; existing post may also be repaired.

The commission reviewed the emergency order for Berkshire Natural Resource Council for stump road. The request for the emergency order comes from the Board of Health, due to the fact that the water level has been raised from the beaver dam that threatens to destroy bridge on the maintenance road.

The commission reviewed the enforcement order for Elm Knoll Farm LLC on Clayton Mill River Road. It was noted that property owner missed the first deadline. Property owner did stop once to see Mr. Marks and stated that the debris was already on the riverbank and he feels that the pictures taken were all taking at different angles.

Reviewed mail:

- a. The Trust for Public Land – Spring/Summer 2012.
- b. Forest Cutting Plan – Owen & Arlyn Hoberman – Canaan Valley Road – Final Report.
- c. Forest Cutting Plan – Bosworth Family Partnership – Norfolk Road – Approved.
- d. The Highland Communities Initiative newsletter.
- e. MACC – renewal membership.

No other business was brought before the commission, so voted to adjourn at 12:25 PM.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for June 23rd.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Chretien
Secretary