

Conservation Commission – April 27, 2013

Members present were co-chairs Mr. John Weinstein & Mr. Ned Wilson and Mr. Peter Marks.

Meeting was called to order at 10:03AM.

Minutes of March 30th were approved as amended.

Weldon Hearing: Present for this hearing was contractor Mr. Brian Jefferies and property owner, Mr. Warren Weldon. Applicant submitted a RDA for the purpose of replacing an existing barn current size of 14'x 20' and being replaced by a 12' x 6' pole barn (barn will be on the same footprint). Property location is 15 Mill River Great Barrington Road. Builder will be placing eight posts (postholes) to secure pole barn into ground – holes will be dug by hand. Barn location is 25 feet from the river. Silt fence will be in place with hay bales. A motion was made and so voted to close this hearing. A motion was made and so voted to approve this application with the condition of receiving a file number from DEP.

New Business:

Commission members meet with Mr. Mike White, contractor before their meeting to go view three different sites that Mr. White will be working on. Only one site will require a RDA to be filed.

Commission was notified that a call came into the Town Hall regarding a complaint call to DEP office. Mr. Mark Stinson, DEP called property owner after calling the Town Hall and found out what work was being done on the property and then called back to the Town Hall to inform the Commissions secretary that there is no violation – just replacing a few clapboards on the house. No action was being done by DEP at this time.

Commission discussed a possible issue on Clayton Mill River Road were a property owner is pumping into the river with a live wire and leaving a small pump in the river. Mr. Wilson will check the CMR regulations regarding this drainage irrogation issue and if he does not find any regulation he call DEP.

The commission reviewed the mail:

- a. Certificate of Compliance – Mr. Neil Blackwell – 115 Clayton Mill Rive Road.
- b. Five year plan request from the Finance Committee.
- c. Special Permit – J. Edward Odegaard – The Buggy Whip Factory LLC.
- d. Department of Army Corp – re: complaint received from Storm Irene/Konkapot River – Not taking any action at this time.
- e. Approved Forest Cutting Plan – Bluebird Hill Dev. LLC – 1899 County Road.
- f. Approved Forest Cutting Plan – Harold Crine Jr – County Road.

No other business was brought before the commission, so voted to adjourn at 10:47 AM.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for May 25, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Chretien
Secretary