

Conservation Commission – May 16, 2011

Members present were co-chairs Mr. Ned Wilson & Mr. John Weinstein; meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

Meeting minutes of February 22<sup>nd</sup> were approved as prepared.

Meeting minutes of March 28<sup>th</sup> were approved as amended.

Halbreich Hearing: Present for this hearing was rep, Mr. Al Thorpe of Accord Engineering & Surveying LLC. Property location is 75 Hillside Ave. Applicant submitted a RDA for an upgrade to the current septic & well system. Mr. Thorpe gave an overview of the project and stated that the current system is not failing at this time, and the owner would like to winterize the house to spend more time there. Mr. Thorpe states that a silt fence will be in place, and a few trees will be taken down and the plans have already been approved by the Board of Health. A motion was made, second to close this hearing. Motion passed. A motion was made, seconded to approve this application with a negative #3 determination. Motion passed.

Amstead Hearing: Present for this hearing was property owner, Mr. Mark Amstead. Property is located on 120 Downs Road. Applicant submitted a RDA for the purpose of construction of a pier/dock. Mr. Amstead states that a concrete pad is already in place and would like to put in an aluminum dock that can be removed each year, there will be no digging. A motion was made, second to close this hearing. Motion passed. A motion was made, seconded to approve this application with a negative #2. Motion passed.

Amstead Hearing: Present for this hearing was property owner Mr. Mark Amsted. Property is located on 120 Downs Road. Applicant submitted a RDA for the purpose of repairs to existing house/porch. Mr. Amstead gave an overview of the project work that includes jacking and leveling the existing house, dig and install piers to support existing screen porch and to square off porch, fix front steps, and to build a addition on the backside of the house. A motion was made, seconded to close this hearing. Motion passed. A motion was made, seconded to approve this application with a negative #3. Motion passed.

Busch Hearing: Present for this hearing was rep, Mr. Rich Baehr, Appalachian Contractors, Inc. Property location is 28 Downs Road. Applicant submitted a RDA for emergency roof repair and shingle replacement. Mr. Baehr states that this past winter a tree fell down on the house, and they temporarily covered the roof with tar paper and put the shingles on tarps for the rest of the winter. Mr. Baehr states that all debris has been clean up from the ground. After Mr. Baehr explanation on the project a motion was made, second to close this hearing. Motion passed. A motion was made, seconded to approve this application with a negative #3 with the following conditions old shingles to be put in the dumpster, new building supplies to be kept on Downs Road side of the house. Motion passed.

New Business:

Reviewed mail:

- a. Mass Statewide storm water management training seminar on May 26<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Expenditure report memo from the accountant.
- c. Letter from Department of Fisheries & Wildlife – Re – endangered species act upcoming seminars.
- d. Newsletter – Fisheries & Wildlife.
- e. Forest cutting plan – James Mallory, 893 Mill River Gt. Barrington Rd (DENIED)
- f. Newsletter – Highland Communities Initiative.
- g. Memo – Grant - small communities.
- h. Forest cutting plan – Berkshire Natural Resources Inc – Stump Rd. (approved)
- i. TURI Community grant program – information on applying for grant.
- j. MACC training – erosion & sediment control program.
- k. MACC newsletter March/April.

No other business was brought before the commission, so voted to adjourn at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Chretien  
Secretary