

Conservation Commission – February 9, 2019

Members present were Dr. John Schreiber, Ms. Rona Easton, & Mr. David Hosford.

Not present: Mr. Freddy Friedman & Mr. David Herrick.

Meeting was called to order at 10 AM.

Meeting minutes of December 8th 2018 were accepted as prepared. (No meeting was held in January, 2019)

Devine Hearing: Present for this hearing was, Ms. Shannon Boomsma, White Engineering Inc. Ms. Boomsma requests this hearing be continued till the Commission meeting in April, since they are still working on obtaining permits and would they would like to all have permits in place before proceeding. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the request to continue this hearing at the regular scheduled meeting in April.

Koch/Noe Hearing: Present for this hearing was, Ms. Shannon Boomsma, White Engineering Inc. Applicant submitted a RDA for the purpose of installation of a new dock. Property location is 226 Lake Road. Ms. Boomsma submitted new revised plans. Ms. Boomsma mentioned that when the current owners purchased the property it already had a dock, which was valid for one year through chapter 91 DEP waterways. Ms. Boomsma also stated that DEP waterways requested that the dock be a smaller in size and relocated. Ms. Boomsma also mentioned that the State owns property under the lake and that requires property owners to provide public access for the dock only. Steps will be installed to provide public access. Ms. Boomsma believes that the work on the retaining wall will be done in the spring. Ms. Boomsma will ask property owners to complete planting by the fall per the Commission request. After discussion a motion was made, seconded and so voted to close this hearing. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve this hearing with a negative #2 determination.

Litvack Hearing: Present for hearing was, Ms. Shannon Boomsma, White Engineering Inc. Application submitted a NOI for the purpose of construction of patio. Property location is 156 Woodleigh Road. The Commission reviewed DEP comments with Ms. Boomsma. Ms. Boomsma confirmed that the square footage is 14,860, no conflicts with Order of Conditions 237-0188 (previous NOI for this property). After discussion a motion was made, seconded and so voted to close this hearing. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve this application per plans submitted.

New Business: Ms. Boomsma inquired about a previously NOI and extension that has been approved in the past for Kusnetz, & Kropp (previous owners) property is located on Route 57. New owner would like to work on the property. Ms. Boomsma did mention that the bridge is installed and driveway. The Commission recommend that Ms. Boomsma file a request for an amended order of conditions.

Dr. Schreiber mentioned that two members of the Commission had hiked some of the walking trails and noticed that there is some erosion on the river banks. The Commission would like to invite the Land Trust to come to their next meeting to start a discussion on this issue.

The Commission reviewed the Special Permit submitted to the Board of Selectmen for CPV Mill River Solar LLC. Location of construction is 100 Hartsville Mill River Road. Applicant proposed 4.4 megawatt ground mounted solar array that will occupy approximately 21.3 acres of the 68.6 acres project site. The Commission received letters from the Kerr's, Mummert, & Trustee of Reservation Manager, Mr. Josh Knox. Present were abutters Mr. & Mrs. Broc Kerr & Mr. Shawn Fields (for his mother Deanna Mummert). Abutters mentioned that they are concerned about the water resources and that a common spring is used for four houses and have a number of questions that need to be answered before permitting happens. The Commission stated that they only comment on matters under the jurisdiction of Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act regulations. The Commission will submit a letter to the Board of Selectmen with their comments and findings.

The commission reviewed the mail:

- Received a RDA – Lenardson – 33 Mill River Great Barrington Rd – septic upgrade.
- Received a request from NM Highway Department regarding the bundle NOI and would the Highway Department would like to request an amendment and extension of the bundle NOI. The Commission will review and complete request at the next meeting.
- Review MACC classes held on March 2nd, 2019.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for March 16th, 2019

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 11:19AM

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Chretien
Secretary