

Conservation Commission – March 16, 2019

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

Meeting was called to order at 10:09 AM.

Meeting minutes of February 9<sup>th</sup> 2019 were accepted as prepared.

Lenardson Hearing: Present for this hearing was representative, Mr. Mike Parsons, of Kelly, Granger, Parsons Associates Inc. Applicant submitted a RDA for the purpose of installing a 1,500 gallon (2) compartment tank and a 14.38' x 35' leaching bed consisting of 5 rows of standards ADS ARC-36 chambers with 7 chambers per row (35 chambers total). Property location is 33 Mill River Great Barrington Road. Mr. Mike Parsons, mentioned that the current septic system has failed title five and is requesting to repair/replace the septic system. Current system is on the river side of the house. Mr. Parsons mentioned that the leaching bed will be in front of the house to stay as far away from the river as possible. Mr. Parsons also mentioned that they have obtained a permit from the Board of Health. The Commission mentioned that they completed a site visit prior to the meeting and are concerned about the erosion control. Mr. Parsons stated that they will install straw wattle and silt fence. 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 as a negative #5.

Mr. Parsons appeared before the Commission regarding 327 Konkapot Road, which has a failed septic system. Mr. Parsons submitted an emergency certificate form. The Commission reviewed and form and plans submitted. Mr. Friedman will complete a site visit early next week and then sign the emergency form. Mr. Parsons mentioned that he'll submitted a RDA for this project for the next meeting.

Kutscher's Sports Academy: Present for this hearing was representative, Mr. Matthew Puntin, SK Design Group Inc. Applicant submitted a RDA for the purpose of installation of a new septic system to accommodate new bunkhouse an existing bunkhouse. Mr. Puntin mentioned this is an upgraded septic field, new leaching trenches, they will remove current septic field. Mr. Puntin also mentioned that there will be straw wattle in place for erosion control and project work should take two to three days. Mr. Puntin will submit an amended plan that will show the area for the straw wattle. It was noted that the Commission completed a site visit prior to the meeting. 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 as a negative #3 with the condition of erosion control will be installed as per the drawing modified during the meeting and as per a revised drawing to be submitted by SK Design within the week following the hearing.

Mawn Hearing: Present for hearing was representative, Ms. Shannon Boomsma, White Engineering Inc. Application submitted a request to amend an Order of Conditions for the

property located at 108 Route 57. Applicant would like to incorporate a modification to the driveway and restoration plantings of previously altered areas. The Total alteration to the Riverfront Area will remain the same as that approved by the amended order of conditions issued to Kropp in 2015. Ms. Boomsma mentioned that the driveway, bridge, leaching field are all in. New owner would like an oval driveway that is shorter than previously approved and it was noted that no trees will be taken down. The Commission completed a site visit prior to the meeting. After discussion a motion was made, seconded and so voted to close this hearing. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve an amended order of conditions per plan submitted with a special condition of remove gravel pile and reinstall erosion control baffles.

The Commission completed and signed both the amended order of conditions and the extension order of conditions for the Highway Department bundle order of conditions. The Amendment request was to add fifteen beaver control devices to the bundle.

New Business: The Commission discussed peer review, which is per Massachusetts General Laws to hire an outside consultant. After discussion a motion was made, seconded and so voted to allow peer review of the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53G for the New Marlborough Conservation Commission.

Old Business:

Dr. Schreiber asked Ms. Martha Bryan, New Marlborough Land Trust if she would be willingly to walk the walking trails with to members of the Commission due to the jurisdictional nature of the perennial streams crossings in the new land trust hiking trail. A date and time will be decided when the walk can be scheduled.

Abutters Ms. Deanna Mummert & Mr. William O'Brien, of the CVP solar special permit in Mill River were present. Ms. Mummert inquired if the Commission has given any response from their comments to the Board of Selectmen. The Commission stated that no response has been received and no RDA has been filed. Mr. O'Brien mentioned that he has an issue with the water supply. Storm water drainage from the development site was also discussed. The Commission mentioned that stormwater runoff would be jurisdictional if the area developed was in a geographic area regulated by the wetlands protection act or flowed into geographic areas regulated by the wetlands protection act, but not before. Also present was Mr. Doug Newman who questioned does the application need approval from the Commission before the Board of Selectmen can approve any special permits. The Commission stated that all decisions for special permits are made by the Board of Selectmen, they can include special conditions, such as filing with the Commission.

The commission reviewed the mail:

- Received from White Engineering Inc. – recorded order of conditions – Litvack – file number 237-0205 – 156 Woodleigh Rd.
- Common Ground newsletter.
- 2019 Open Space conference – Garden, MA – forwarded to Planning Board.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 11:44AM

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Chretien  
Secretary