

Conservation Commission – September 21, 2019

Members present were Mr. Freddy Friedman, Dr. John Schreiber, Mr. David Herrick & Mrs. Nanci Worthington. Mr. Friedman welcome Mrs. Worthington to the Commission.

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

Meeting minutes of August 10<sup>th</sup> 2019 were accepted as amended.

New Business:

Lake Buel District: Applicant filed a RDA for the purpose of removal of debris from the outlet stream of Lake Buel between the dam and the Konkapot River. Present for this hearing was Mr. Chris Tryon, Berkshire Geo-Technologies. Mr. Tryon mentioned that the dam goes from Hartsville Mill River Rd to the intersection of Adsit Crosby Road. Mr. Tryon also said that work will be done by hand, no machines will be used, and debris will be taking away by tractor to a dumpster. It was noted that the Commission completed a site inspection prior to the meeting. Dr. Schreiber mentioned that this project will not require any dredging, fill, remove or alter a resource area. After discussion a motion was made, seconded and so vote to close this hearing. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve this application with a negative #2 with the following conditions: no mechanized removal, by hand only, pre/post photographs.

Ms. Molly Crine appeared before the Commission in regards to the Berkshire Scenic Mountain Act, which New Marlborough hasn't supported as of yet. Ms. Crine inquired if the Commission would be willingly to adopt the act and if so she is willingly help the Commission. Ms. Crine mentioned that the following towns have adopted the act: Alford, Stockbridge, Great Barrington, Monterey, Lee, Tyringham and possibly Dalton & Lenox. Ms. Crine also mentioned that towns can alter the act to their needs and she feels this act is very important. Ms. Crine will complete some more research. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to review data to see if the Berkshire Scenic Mount Act to see if that New Marlborough wants to implement. The Commission thanked Ms. Crine her interest in this matter.

Mr. Bob Harrt appeared before the Commission in regards to the house he has purchased at 829/833 Mill River Southfield Rd. Mr. Harrt would like to remove some trees that block view and has already spoken with the Town's Tree Warden. The Commission recommend that a RDA be filed.

Old Business:

Devine: The Commission received an email from Ms. Shannon Boomsma, White Engineering Inc. requesting to extend the hearing for the NOI till she has approval from the State for all permits needed.

Dr. Schreiber mentioned that Mr. Friedman and he meet with Mr. Ian Devine & Ms. Martha Bryan at the NM Land Preserve Trail to walk the trail. Dr. Schreiber also mentioned that they gave the Land Trust a few recommendations.

The commission reviewed the mail:

- Common Ground News Letter.

It was noted that MACC classes are October 19<sup>th</sup>, in which a few members will attend.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for October 26<sup>st</sup>, 2019

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 9:30 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Chretien  
Secretary