

Conservation Commission –August 5, 2017

Members present were Mr. Freddy Friedman & Ms. Rona Easton.

Meeting was called to order at 10:19 AM.

Meeting minutes of June 24th 2017 were accepted as amended.

Sisson Hearing: 191 MR Gt. Barrington Rd. Present for this hearing was representative, Mr. Hal Crine. Applicant submitted a RDA for the purpose of excavate and lay in rock base for driveway path from garage to house. Property location is 191 Mill River Great Barrington Road. Mr. Crine mentioned that home owners are elderly and they just want to extend the driveway closer to the house for easier access. After a brief 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 #2 determination.

Umpachene Park Commission: Mr. Robert Twing, member of the Park's Commission requested to continue this hearing until next month's meeting. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the request to continue this hearing to the next meeting.

Donnelly Hearing: Present for this hearing was Mr. David Lanoue, contractor. Property location is 1504 Canaan Southfield Road. Applicant submitted a RDA for the purpose of installing gravel driveway which connects to town road on the north side. Mr. Lanoue mentioned that the project is replacing an old driveway. After a brief 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 #1 determination.

Leavitt Hearing: Present for this hearing was Mr. Mike Kulig, Berkshire Engineering, Inc. & property manager, Mr. Scott Smith. Property location is 19 Konkapot Road. Applicant submitted a NOI for the purpose of insuring the proper maintenance of the pond. The commission reviewed DEP comments with Mr. Kulig, after discussion Mr. Kulig amended the map to show the area where work will be done. Mr. Kulig mentioned that work will be on the back side of the dam. 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 with an order of conditions. Special conditions: proposed outflow from the dam is to be revised as per the drawing on revised on 8/5/17. The revision entails the pipe being extended to grade to avoid the risk of erosion. The commission reserves the right to conduct a full inspection to evaluate the work with respect to the stated erosion risk.

Walker Hearing: Present for this hearing was Ms. Emily Stockman, Stockman Associates, property owner Mr. Mark Walker and forester, Mr. James Kelly. Applicant submitted a NOI for the purpose of creating a private walking path. Property location is 492 North Rd (NM Monterey Rd). Ms. Stockman submitted a revised NOI with the certified list of abutters notification and a schematic. The commission reviewed DEP comments with Ms. Stockman.

Ms. Stockman mentioned that no impacts to wetlands will occur. After discussion a motion was made, seconded and so voted to close this hearing. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the application with an order of conditions per plan submitted.

Ms. Stockman appeared before the commission to discuss DEP concerns about 492 North Rd. The commission and Ms. Stockman discussed DEP concern about the aerial photos from 1997 that appears to have shown that an area has been converting a forested wetland to a possibly agriculture and also mowing of other wetlands into lawn or landscape. After discussion it was decided to issue a letter to the property owner stated deacease and desist and attend the commission's meeting in September.

New Business:

The commission received a written request from Highway Superintendent, Mr. Loring seeking permission to extend the order of conditions for Brewer Hill Road, which was filed in 2014. The commission reviewed the order of conditions from 2014 and approved the extension for three years

Old Business:

The commission received an email from Steve Ecrement, Tighe & Bond regarding the RDA for Mass Electric – Deerwood Park. Mr. Ecrement would like to amend the project work for proposed pole 21 will now require a push brace rather than a guy line/anchor. The commission reviewed the RDA that was approved last month and have no issues with this modification and gave their ok to proceed with the project.

The Commission reviewed mail:

- *Forest Cutting Plan – Sheldon – County Rd – approved 40+ acres.
- *Forest Cutting Plan – Bachetti & Christman – Ford Hill Rd & Sisson Hill Rd – extension - 45. 5 acres.
- *Forest Cutting Plan – Sisson Hill Nominee Realty Trust – Sisson Hill Rd – extension – 50+ acres.
- *Forest Cutting Plan – Laskoff – Ford Hill Rd – extension – 100+ acres.
- *Tighe & Bond recorded order of conditions – Rhoades & Bailey Rd.
- *DEP- recorded certificate of compliance – NM Hill LLC – lots 2,3, &4.
- *Special Permit – White – 0 East Hill Rd.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 26th at 10:00 AM.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 12:05PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Chretien
Secretary

