

Conservation Commission – October 19, 2023 hybrid Meeting

Members present were Dr. John Schreiber, Co-Chair, Mr. Freddy Friedman, Co-Chair, Dr. Doug Hyde & Mrs. Nanci Worthington. Others present were Ms. Martha Bryan, Ms. Shannon Boomsma, Mr. Bryan Siter, Mr. Peter Scala, Mr. Jared Kelly, Mr. Mike Parsons, Ms. Dee Dufault, Mr. David Cameron, Mr. Jim Bolduc, Mr. Paul Bachetti, Mr. Damain Van Denburgh, and Ms. BG Firmani.

Meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM.

Meeting minutes of September 21, 2023 were accepted as amended.

Present was Mr. David Cameron to talk with the Commission regarding the potential of part time agent for the Commission. Dr. Schreiber mentioned that the Commission would like to hire a consultant to assist the Commission. Mr. Cameron mentioned that he has been working for Natural Resource Wetlands for 32 years, engineering firms and 7 years with DEP, and last year he started his own practice. Mr. Cameron also mentioned that he would be able to assist with site visits, permitting, & support. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and so voted to hire Mr. Cameron on as needed basis. A contract will be drafted and signed.

Warmflash Hearing: Present for this hearing was representative, Mr. Jim Bolduc, for both National Grid and property owner. Property location is 576 Hartsville New Marlborough Rd. Applicant submitted a RDA for installing three new electric poles, & removing one existing pole that is the in the buffer zone. Mr. Bolduc mentioned that the 1 pole that will be removed would be placed farther away from the wetlands. 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 has as a negative #3 with the following conditions: the pole nearest the street will be moved another 3-4 feet away from the wetland.

Kelly Hearing: Present for this hearing was representative, Mr. Mike Parsons, Kelly, Parsons, Granger, & Associates Inc. and property owner, Mr. Jared Kelly. Property location is 576 Hartsville New Marlborough Rd. Applicant submitted a RDA for the purpose of upgrading the subsurface disposal system. Mr. Parsons mentioned that the current system has failed title 5, existing tank is to be pumped, ruptured and backfilled or removed. Mr. Parsons also mentioned that a new H2O 1500 gallon, 2 compartment septic tank, leach field consisting of 2 3' x 45' trenches of ARC-36 high capacity chambers, (18 chambers total), install straw wattle barrier to protect the resource area, straw wattle will be installed prior to any work. Mr. Parsons also mentioned that a new well will be drilled, current water supply comes from a spring across the street, and no trees will be removed. 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 determination #3 with the following conditions: add silt fence to riverside along with the straw wattle, well driver earthly retaining wall pit 20 foot away.

Old/New Business:

Meyers: Ms. Shannon Boomsma, White Engineering Inc. was present to inform the Commission that the bank at 14 Norfolk Road was reconstructed and submitted a planting plan per the order of conditions, and they would like to plant this fall, with the Commission approval. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the planting plan that was submitted.

Stebbins: Ms. Shannon Boomsma, White Engineering Inc. was present to inform the Commission that eight blueberry bushes have been planted and the restoration work has been completed for 83 Old North Road. Ms. Boomsma will inspect the site in the spring and inform the Commission with her findings.

Roston: Ms. Shannon Boomsma, White Engineering Inc. was present to review the determination issued early this year for 764 East Hill Road. Ms. Boomsma mentioned that one cut was done and the property owner is not pleased with the work, so the owner has been in contact with Joe Wilkinson. Dr. Schreiber mentioned that the work done was permitted to be completed by hand; if they want to use a machine then a Notice of Intent needs to be submitted.

Dr. Schreiber inquired if Ms. Boomsma realized that no work has occurred at 346 New Marlborough Southfield Rd that an order of conditions was issued. Ms. Boomsma will reach out to owner or contractor.

Riverbank Bylaw: Mrs. Worthington mentioned that Mr. Mark Carson has been working with Trout Eliminated on Adsit Crosby Road. The Commission will reach out to the Planning Board and all interested parties to schedule a meeting to discuss the potential bylaw.

Roadside mowing: Dr. Schreiber mentioned that he has not noticed a specific area that the complaint was received. Mr. Friedman mentioned that the Town mowing is done for safety reasons. The Commission would like to try to encourage property owners not to mow close to the bank.

The Commission reviewed the special permit for 173 Adsit Crosby Road, to build a primary residence and convert existing dwelling space in a barn/garage. The Commission has already approved a determination for this project with conditions and will send a memo to the Select Board stating the conditions.

O Canaan Southfield Rd: Mr. Paul Bachetti, contractor was present, along with Mr. Mike Parsons, Kelly, Parsons, Granger, & Associates Inc. Mr. Bachetti mentioned that the property recently has been sold to a new owner. Dr. Schreiber mentioned that violation letter was sent out to the property owner for the wetlands buried; planting that was not permitted for 1 ½ acres lot. Mr. Bachetti mentioned that the culvert is 30 feet and native species have been planted, and there's 175 trees between the property which is in both Massachusetts & Connecticut, Connecticut has given the address of 57 Sodom Road. The Commission

recommend a Notice of Intent be filed and work with a wetlands engineer to assist with the mitigation, that needs to be submitted for the December 19 meeting.

171 Stratford Rd: Mr. Bryan Siter, Foresight Land Service Inc. was present. Mr. Siter mentioned that a site visit has occurred with Dr. Hyde and working on completing a RDA to submit.

187 Stratford Rd: Mr. Siter, Foresight Land Service Inc. was present. Mr. Siter mentioned that a survey crew will be going out soon to the property and then a NOI will be submitted.

201 Stratford Rd: Present was representative, Mr. Siter, Foresight Land Services Inc. Mr. Siter mentioned that a survey crew would be going out to the property and then will be submitting a NOI. Dr. Schreiber mentioned that he has circled back to DEP and they stated that Windemere is jurisdictional especially new construction.

19 East Hill Rd: Mr. Damain Van Denburgh, and Ms. BG Firmani, were present as abutters to the property. Dr. Schreiber mentioned the Commission had been contact by the property owner regarding a clay pipe that is grandfathered and that water goes through two other property owners' property. Dr. Schreiber mentioned that he has contacted DEP and if the pipe is in good condition and can be repaired, they recommend a RDA be filed. If there is additional working by a stream then a NOI will need to be filed. It was noted that there is an intermittent stream on the property.

Mail:

*Forest Cutting Plan – Nolan – Old North Rd – 18.69 acres – extension #1.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2023 at 5PM.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 6:24PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Chretien
Secretary