

## Conservation Commission – November 16, 2023 hybrid Meeting

Members present were Dr. John Schreiber, Co-Chair, Mr. Freddy Friedman, Co-Chair, and Dr. Doug Hyde. Others present were Ms. Martha Bryan, Mr. Bryan Siter, Mr. Jared Kelly, Mr. Mike Parsons, Mr. John Fields, Mrs. Claudette Callahan, & Mr. I. Douglas Newman.

Meeting was called to order at 5 PM.

Meeting minutes of October 19, 2023 were accepted as amended.

Johnson Hearing: Present for this hearing was representative, Mr. Mike Parsons, Kelly, Parsons, Granger, & Associates Inc. Property location is 35 Hartsville Mill River Rd. Applicant submitted a RDA for the purpose of subsurface disposal system. Mr. Parsons mentioned that the current system has failed; existing septic tank will remain, and install a 1000-gallon pump chamber, with 11.5 X 35" leaching bed consisting of 4 rows of standard ADS ARC-36 chambers with 7 chambers per row (28 chambers total). 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 #3 determination with the following conditions: silt fence & straw wattle by installed on the riverside of the project, remove woodpile to another area.

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 replacing crumbling hardscape around pool, install split fence around pool area, and add new deck to back of the house, remove two trees. Mr. Parsons mentioned that the insurance company is requesting a fence around the pool; deck will be at the corner of the back of the house 12 x 28. Mr. Parsons also mentioned that one of the trees is growing in the tennis court and that two trees will need to be removed. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and so voted to close this hearing. A motion was made, and seconded and so voted to approve this application as a negative #3 determination with the following conditions: no heavy equipment on riverside of the pool, access tennis court, install silt fence & straw wattle around pool and deck area, the removed trees within the same envelope as the trees being removed.

Weinberger Hearing: Present for this hearing was representative, Mr. John Fields, John W. Field Tree Service Inc. Property location is 86 Downs Rd. Applicate submitted a RDA for the purpose of removing 5 trees. Mr. Fields mentioned that 4 trees are rotted, and is dead. Two members of the Commission site visited and confirmed the need to remove the trees. 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 #3 with the following conditions: replant 3 native shrubs & 2 native trees within 100 feet of lake, stumps to remain for the trees removed.

Cooper certificate of compliance: Mr. Schaffer was not present due to a family emergency. The Commission has a few questions to be answer before signing the certificate. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to continue the meeting held on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

O'Connor Bros Inc. 2 certificate of compliances: Present was representative Mr. Bryan Siter, Foresight Land Services. Mr. Siter mentioned that both of these certificates are from years ago, 1 was for installing a culvert over wetlands crossing, the other was for installing road. Mr. Siter also mentioned that a new owner has purchased the property. Two members of the Commission site visited the property and confirmed the old logging road and culvert. Dr. Schreiber mentioned that the new owners new to know that if changing the property to a single family dwelling and installing a driveway then a NOI will need to be submitted. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve both requested certificate of compliances.

Old/New Business:

Dr. Schreiber mentioned that Mr. David Cameron would revise the contract to state that he will be contracted 4 times a year, no retainer.

Dr. Schreiber mentioned that on Maggie's List that someone was inquiring about Berkshire Springs, Dr. Schreiber contacted DEP who stated that they do not regulate Berkshire Springs, that the public health department handles the regulations. Dr. Schreiber has contact the person with the question and the Select Board to give them this information.

Mail:

\* White Engineering Inc. – proof of recorded order of conditions – Bailey – 1386 Hartsville New Marlborough Rd.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 20, 2023 at 5PM.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 5:53PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Chretien  
Secretary