

Conservation Commission –August 25, 2018

Members present were Mr. Freddy Friedman, Mr. David Hosford, & Mr. David Herrick.

Meeting was called to order at 10:20 AM.

Meeting minutes of July 21st 2018 were accepted as prepared.

Chayefsky/LaReaux Hearing: Present for this hearing was Mr. Ben Naylor, Berkshire Engineering. Applicant filed a RDA for the purpose of proposed single family home site including all necessary infrastructure and grading. Property location is 370 Canaan Valley Road. A site visit was made prior to the meeting. Mr. Naylor mentioned proposed work will include gravel driveway and septic system. The Commission and Mr. Naylor agree that the proposed site is the best area for this project, since the property is bounded by significant rock ledge on its eastern and northern. Abutters present had no objections to the project. It was noted that this application was submitted and approved in 2005. After a brief discussion a motion was made, seconded and so voted to close this hearing. A motion was made, seconded and so voted a negative determination #3.

Scheffey (Ravine Falls Trust) Hearing: Present for this hearing was applicant Mr. Thomas Scheffey, and Mr. Thomas Coote, Otter Environmental Services. Applicant filed a NOI for the purpose of draining the pond, repair the pond, and rebuild the dam. Property location is North Rd (NM Monterey Rd). The Commission and Mr. Coote reviewed the comments from DEP, which include filing with Monterey Conservation Commission. Mr. Coote will amend the NOI and submit next week with plans. Mr. Coote requested to continue this hearing to the next meeting. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to continue this hearing to the next meeting per Mr. Coote's request.

Koch/Noe Hearing: Present for this hearing was Ms. Shannon Boomsma, White Engineering, Inc. Applicant filed a NOI for the purpose of reconstructing an existing addition, with a small amount of added space at one end to square off the building. The existing foundation may be replaced by one extending to greater depth to match that of the original structure. Ms. Boomsma mentioned that there is a full foundation and the current retaining wall is made with three tiers of wood which is falling down. Ms. Boomsma also noted that a deteriorated timber wall in front of the cottage will be replaced by a new wooden plank one, with all work done by hand and silt fence will be placed around the project. It was noted that Chapter 91 dock permit is only valid for one year and Ms. Boomsma will apply for a new permit. The Commission and Ms. Boomsma review DEP's comments. 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 per plans submitted.

New Business:

Ms. Shannon Boomsma, White Engineering Inc, appeared before the commission regarding the enforcement order issued to Ms. Deanna Mummert, 105 Hartsville Mill River Rd. Enforcement was issued for clearing, grading, filling of both Bordering Land Subject to Flooding and Bordering Vegetated Wetlands, approx 1,000 sq. ft. of BLSF and 500 square feet of BVW. Per the enforcement order, the property owner was required to hire an environmental consultant who will delineate the resource areas, the buffer zone to resource areas, protected under the Wetlands Protection Act and regulations. Ms. Boomsma will be present at the next meeting to present a restoration plan.

Freddy mentioned that Mr. Peter Hagen, Chairman of the Lake Buel District was still concern about the two existing NOI's, one is for the beaver dam and other one is for the outlet maintenance. Mr. Friedman will contact DEP to see what can be done with the two NOI's, so that the district doesn't have to keep coming back to the Commission to have them extended. It was noted that an amendment might be needed to add a sentence about maintenance.

The commission reviewed the mail:

- Forest Cutting Plan - Prudence Spaulding- Sisson Hill Rd – 20 acres – final report
- Berkshire Natural Resources Council – seeking donation
- MACC thank you letter for paid dues along with new membership cards.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 22nd 10:00 AM.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 11:27 AM

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy Chretien
Secretary