

Conservation Commission –December 8, 2018

Members present were Mr. Freddie Friedman, Dr. John Schreiber, Ms. Rona Easton, Mr. David Hosford & Mr. David Herrick. Also present Mr. Mark Stinson, DEP Circuit Rider.

Meeting was called to order at 11:07 AM.

Meeting minutes of October 27<sup>th</sup> 2018 were accepted as amended. (No meeting was held in November, 2018)

Lake Buel District: Mr. Peter Hagen was present to request two extensions, one is for dam maintenance and one is for the outlet control. After review a motion was made, seconded after discussion to approve a three year extension for file number 237-0173 (dam maintenance). A motion was made, seconded after discussion to approve a three year extension for file number 237-0184 (outlet control).

Mr. Hagen also mentioned that the outlet needs to be cleaned since it contains debris of trees, old boats, old docks and he is looking for guidance and direction on how to continue with project. The Commission suggests when filing an application that the application needs to be specific with how work will be done, and the locations of work areas. Mr. Hagen mentioned that no dredging will occur will.

Riverhouse LLC Hearing: Present for this hearing was representative, Mr. Tom Ingersoll, Ingersoll Land Care. Property location is 167/169 Norfolk Rd. Applicant submitted a RDA for the purpose of maintenance in rear of property to control invasive species, clean debris for a private walking trail. Mr. Ingersoll mentioned that the walking trail will be 200ft long and will be a raised board walk, which will be 42 inches wide. Mr. Ingersoll requested to amend the RDA to add the following for project description: re-build existing fire pit with stone patio, install natural stone staircase, and remove declining shed from buffer zone ( fire pit is at the beginning of the walking trail). Mr. Ingersoll also stated that no fueling of power tools will happen in the resource areas and project work will be a week to ten days. 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 a negative #2 & negative #3 with conditions the following: boardwalk in resource area to be 42" wide, gap between boards to be ½ to ¾, height above ground of board to be min of 24", renovation of existing fire pit is allowed (as amended by hand in the RDA) approximately 2500 square of lawn or disturbed area to be reseeded with native vegetation, 20 x 25 return to lawn and disturb condition, and permission for the Conservation Commission to visit during normal business hours.

Devine Hearing: Representative, Ms. Shannon Boomsma, White Engineering Inc. requested by email that this hearing be continued. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the request to continue this hearing till the next meeting, January 19, 2019. Applicant submitted a NOI for the purpose of dredging Harnett Pond. Ms. Boomsma request to continue this hearing since they are waiting for 401 and MEPA input per DEP recommendation.

Mummert Enforcement: Property owner, Ms. Deanna Mummert, of 105 Hartsville Mill River Rd was present. 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. The Commission completed a site visit with Ms. Mummert to see the new plantings that have been ordered by the Commission. Given the seasonal conditions, there was little to see and the Commission will return in spring. Ms. Mummert mentioned that no work will occur on the bank other than planting clove seeding.

Old Business:

Dr. Schreiber mentioned that he is working on scheduling a seminar on walking trails for some time in the spring.

New Business:

The commission reviewed the mail:

- Forest Cutting Plan – Norfolk Road Nominee R.E. Trust – 85 acres.
- MassDot water quality certification for bridge on Umpachene Falls Rd.
- New Marlborough Land Trust – seeking donations.
- Berkshire Natural Resources Council fall 108 newsletter.
- MACC FY20 dues increase of 2%.
- White Engineering Inc. – certificate of compliance – Shalaby – 1093 Clayton Mill River Rd – file number 237-0187.
- White Engineering Inc. – certificate of compliance – Shalaby – 1055 Clayton Mill River Rd – file number 237-0202.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 12:15PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Chretien  
Secretary