

Conservation Commission –September 30, 2017

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

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM.

Meeting minutes of August 26th 2017 were accepted as prepared.

Shalaby Hearing: 1055 Clayton Mill River Rd. Present for this hearing was property owner, Ms. Michele Shalaby. Applicant submitted a RDA installing a new well. Site visit was completed by Commission. Ms. Shalaby mentioned that Eastern Well Company will do the installing of the well and that the Board of Health has already approved. It was mentioned that area for the well is now existing lawn. 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.

Tatlock Hearing: 1191 Canaan Southfield Rd. Present for this continued hearing representative, Mr. Phil Williams, Foresight Land Services. Applicant submitted a NOI for farm pond maintenance dredging. Mr. Williams submitted a revised narrative. The commission and Mr. Williams reviewed the narrative and DEP comments, one of the comments was for flash boards be included in the project work. It was mentioned that the area is a 10' by 4' foot print, stone channel and 3 ft wide. 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 applicant with following condition: commission requires final approval to be based on a final site inspection at the completion of the proposed work.

Foote/Fonseca Hearing: 122 Clayton Mill River Rd. Present for this hearing was Mr. Phil Williams, Foresight Land Services. Applicant submitted a NOI for the purpose of installing a garage & deck to a existing single family house. The commission and Mr. Williams reviewed the narrative that was requested by Natural Heritage & Endangered Species, that Foresight submitted that is for the proposed Japanese Knotweed Control. Mr. Williams mentioned that the proposed work will include removing invasive species and replacing with natural planting. 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 the following condition: applicant must submit annual reports on the treatment of the Japanese Knotweed. The straw bale silt fence must be either all natural materials or if not, fully removed from the site at the completion or the work.

Donnelley Hearing: 1504 Clayton Mill River Rd. Present for this hearing was Mr. Dave Lanoue, contractor. Applicant submitted a RDA for the purpose of construction of a concrete foundation for a barn addition to the east side of the main house. It was noted that the area is in the resource area currently used for lawn, and in the buffer zone which is jurisdictional. Mr. Lanoue mentioned that the addition size is 30' b 40', and foundation is 8ft. After discussion a motion was made, seconded and so voted to close this hearing. A motion was made,

seconded to approve this application as a negative #3 with the following condition: approved erosion control measure are taken. Straw bales are required by the commission. Bales should be all natural material or completely removed after completion of work.

Walker Enforcement: Ms. Emily Stockman appeared before the commission regarding 492 North Rd (NM Monterey Rd), to discuss wetland issues noticed by DEP. Ms. Stockman submitted draft BVW alteration map. Ms. Stockman has completed most of the field review and agrees with DEP. Ms. Stockman has the west side to delineate and to work on a restoration plan that will include native shrubs. Ms. Stockman made a request to come back in December with the restoration plan. The commission approved the request.

Amstead Hearing: 120 Downs Rd. Present for this hearing was property owner, Mr. Mark Amstead. Applicant submitted a RDA for the purpose of raze existing dwelling. Mr. Amstead mentioned that he would like to take down the existing house, that has no foundation under it. Mr. Amstead also mentioned that no digging will be happening and a silt fence will be in place. Mr. Amstead will submit a NOI for the building of the new house and site work. After discussion a motion was made, seconded and so voted to close this hearing. A motion was seconded and so voted to approve this application as a negative #2 with the following condition: install a silt fence to the full extent of the removal work.

NM Land Trust: 383/346 NM Southfield Rd. Present for this hearing was Ms. Martha Bryan. Applicant submitted a RDA for the purpose of improving the surface of existing hiking trail. Ms. Bryan mentioned that work is minor and within the riverfront and less than 3 ft wide, area is not paved. 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 applicant has a negative #5. Per 310 CMR 10.02 (2) (b) 2. 9: in a conservation area, unpaved path less than 3 ft wide, proposed work is exempt.

New Business:

The commission reviewed and discussed a emergency certificate for the NM Highway for NM Southfield Rd, hole in culvert causing hole in the road. After a brief discussion the commission signed the form giving permission to the highway to replace culvert.

Old Business:

The Commission reviewed mail:

- *MACC new member cards for FY18.

- *MACC classes – October 28th.

- *DCR – Woods & Trails: A Pathway Forward – Sheffield – 9/23/17.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 21st at 10:00 AM.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 11:46AM

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Chretien
Secretary