

Conservation Commission – May 18, 2023 in Zoom/Conference Call/In Person Meeting

Members present were Dr. John Schreiber, Co-Chair, Mr. Freddy Friedman, Co-Chair, Mrs. Nanci Worthington, and Dr. Doug Hyde. Others present were Ms. Martha Bryan, Ms. Shannon Boomsma, Mr. Mike Parsons, and Ms. Beth Romaker, Mr. Tanner Poole, Mr. Dominic Meringolo & Mr. Will Regan.

Meeting was called to order at 5 PM.

Meeting minutes of Minutes April 20th, 2023 were accepted as amended.

NM Highway Department Hearing: It was noted that a response hasn't yet been received from National Heritage and Endangered Species Program, so a motion was made, seconded and so voted to continue this hearing till June 15th meeting.

McCrea Hearing: Present for this hearing was representative, Mr. Mike Parsons, Kelly, Granger, Parsons & Associates, Inc. Applicant submitted a RDA for the purpose of subsurface disposal system. Property location is 83 NM Southfield Road. Mr. Parsons submitted a revised RDA to include removal of large dead spruce tree which will block the pipe to the system from the house. Mr. Parsons mentioned that the current system failed title 5, and the house is old and on 11 acres of land. Mr. Parsons also mentioned that a straw wattle barrier will be installed before work begins and will stay in place until the leeching field is settled. 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.

Stebbins Hearing: Present for this hearing was representative, Ms. Beth Romaker, Matt's Landscaping. Applicant submitted a NOI for the purpose of installing 10,000 square foot native meadow. Property location is 83 North Rd. Ms. Romaker mentioned that she was waiting for the property owner to sign the completed applicant prior to submitting. Dr. Schreiber mentioned that he will contact the DEP for guidance regarding the tennis court that is on the property that is close to wetlands and may have filled wetlands. After a brief discussion a motion was made, seconded and so voted to continue this hearing till June 15th meeting.

Stratford Road Follow-up hearings:

35 Stratford Rd - Mr. Bryan Siter, Foresight Land Service requested to continue this matter so they have time enough to submit a NOI. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to continue this till June 15th meeting.

881 Stratford Rd - no one was present for this follow up, so a motion was made, seconded and so voted to continue this till June 15th meeting.

Mapal Manor LLC Hearing: Present for this hearing was representative, Mr. Dominic Meringolo, Solitude Lake Management and property owner Mr. Will Regan. Applicant submitted a NOI for the purpose of aquatic management program. Property location is 223 Stone Manor Drive. Mr. Meringolo submitted an addendum from comments mentioned at the site visit and in response to DEP comments. Mr. Meringolo mentioned that there are two (2) very small fire ponds that are in good condition currently. Mr. Meringolo reviewed the addendum submitted with the Commission. It was mentioned that the water shed is on the Trustee's property. 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 order with the following conditions: yearly water quality samples and yearly pond condition report.

New Business: Mrs. Worthington mentioned that an emergency permit was requested from Integrated Wildlife Control, since beavers have been damming a culvert under Idle Pond Hour Rd causing road flooding. Mrs. Worthington site visited the area as did Mr. Chuck Loring, Highway Superintendent/Fire Chief. Mr. Loring had also signed the emergency permit.

Dr. Schreiber mentioned that the Commission will have a working meeting on May 23rd at 2:30 PM to review and discuss the river banks bylaw. Minutes will be taken.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2023 at 5PM.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 5:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Chretien
Secretary