

Conservation Commission – October 17, 2020 Conference Call Meeting

Members present were Mr. Freddy Friedman, Dr. John Schreiber, and Mrs. Nanci Worthington. Others on the conference call were Mr. Terry McKeon.

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM.

Meeting minutes of September 26th, 2020 were accepted as amended.

Old Business:

Koerner Hearing: Mr. Friedman mentioned he noticed as driving past the driveway that the replanting of plant seed had been done and the Commission will request that the contractor install a thin layer of straw/hay to help protect of erosion and the growth of the seed. It was noted that the Commission is still waiting for the written a report of the replanting from the contractor, Mr. Joe Wilkinson. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to continue this hearing.

Mrs. Worthington inquired on when is the Commission planning on begin working with the sub-committee of the Building Inspector, Board of Health Agent, a member of the Planning Board and the Lake Buel District. The Commission agreed to begin discussion with the sub-Committee on January 16th.

New Business:

Beers for #10709 Gibson Grove R.O.W. Members: Present for this hearing was Mr. Terry McKeon, one of the right of way right of way property owners. Applicant filed a RDA for the purpose of removing a tree that is tipping towards the water and has roots that are damaging a retaining wall. Property Location is 0 Lakeside Rd. Mr. McKeon mentioned that the RDA was submitted for tree removal that is effecting a retaining wall that the roots are damaging the wall and once the tree is removed they will hire a stone masonry to repair the retain wall. It was noted that the Commission completed a site visit prior to their last meeting. The Commission would like plan to be submitted for stabilization of the bank after the tree removal as occurred. Mr. McKeon will submit a plan for bank stabilization.

Mr. Friedman mentioned that Mr. Scheffer had been in contact with him regarding the dam on North Rd for Ravine Falls Trust, in which a NOI was filed in 2018. The Commission will inform Mr. Scheffer that a combine Notice of Intent needs to be submitted to both Monterey and New Marlborough's Commissions.

The Commission discussed the email letter from Berkshire Environmental Action Team regarding the water quality certification for the bridge replacement of Lumbert Cross Rd over the Umpachene River (Bridge No. N-08-017), along with the letter emailed from the US Army of Engineering's that included the plans and maps.

It was noted that a representative will need to be present for the Cookson enforcement order at the next meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 14th at 9:30AM and the meeting for December will be on the 12th at 9:30AM (It was noted that the Commission will hold off the working on the Berkshire Mountain Act until next year (2021)).

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 10:20AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Chretien
Secretary