

## Conservation Commission – February 17, 2022 in Zoom/Conference Call Meeting

Members present were Dr. John Schreiber, Co-Chair Chair, Mr. Freddy Friedman, Co-Chair, Mrs. Nanci Worthington, and Dr. Doug Hyde. Others present were Mr. Jackson Alberti, Mr. David Madow, Ms. Elizabeth Goodman, Mr. Scott Mackenzie, Ms. Martha Bryan, Mr. Tom Ingersoll, Ms. Shannon Boomsma, Ms. Carrieanne Petri, Mr. Marc Gourvitch, Ms. Sabrina Cherry & Mr. William Hosier.

Meeting was called to order at 5:04 PM.

Meeting minutes of January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 were accepted as amended.

Madow Hearing: Present for this continued hearing was property owner, Mr. David Madow. Applicant submitted a revised RDA and maps for the property on Hartsville NM Rd. Mr. Madow reviewed map A1.2 which shows the revised change of the utility poles/lines being moved to the north and the existing woods road moved slightly to the north away from wetland areas. Mr. Madow also mentioned that straw swales and silt fence have been extended beyond the buffer zone in order to prevent any runoff into jurisdictional areas. Dr. Schreiber inquired in National Grid if in agreement with the change of location poles/lines. Mr. Madow stated that yes National Grid approves of the revised changes. 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 with the condition of native tree replanting to replace the removal of a large diseased ash tree and permission for the Commission to site visit during construction.

Goodman Hearing: Present for this continued hearing was property owner, Ms. Elizabeth Goodman and contractor, Mr. Scott Mackenzie. It was mentioned that both Mr. Hyde and Mrs. Worthington completed a site visit with Mr. Mackenzie. Mrs. Worthington mentioned that the proposed driveway is out of the 200 foot zone from the brook it is within 100 foot bvw but will not result in alteration to wetlands. Dr. Schreiber asked if the driveway is going to be paved. Mr. Mackenzie stated that no the driveway will not be paved. It will be a gravel base driveway and topsoil. 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 with the condition of the driveway will be as in paved permeable character.

Koerner Hearing: Present for this continued hearing was Mr. Jackson Alberti, Foresight Land Services, for the NOI that was filed. Location is 2128 Canaan Southfield Rd. Mr. Alberti reviewed five comments from National Heritage & Endangered Species (NHESP) – all work on site should conform to approved plan, native plants are required, completion report submitted to NHESP within thirty days of project work done, any other filings for this project be submitted to NHESP, authorization is valid for five years. 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 NHESP conditions and permission for the Commission to site visit during construction.

Tolin Hearing: Representative from Berkshire Geo-Technologies request to continue this hearing till March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting since a DEP file number had not yet been received. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to continue this hearing till March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Gourevitch Hearing: Present for this hearing was property owners, Dr. Marc Gourevitch & Ms. Sabrina Cherry, Mr. Tom Ingersoll, contractor and representative, Ms. Shannon Boomsma, White Engineering Inc. Applicant submitted a NOI for the purpose of trees removal and slope stabilization. Property location is 98 Lumbert Cross Rd. Mr. Ingersoll mentioned that erosion is occurring from high water and concerned about trees failing down, due to under cutting of the river bank. Photographic documentation of the erosion and undercutting was presented. Mr. Ingersoll is proposing to take down three trees close to the river, and one tree that is hanging over the river. Mr. Ingersoll would like to do more replanting will native smaller trees and other vegetation to stabilize the river bank area. Mr. Ingersoll mentioned that digging to plant more mature trees could contribute to further destabilization of the river bank area. Mr. Ingersoll also mentioned that an abutter property has three trees in danger and showed pictures across the river. The Commission recommended that a separate NOI be filed by that property owner since these trees and land are not owned by Dr. Gourevitch. Ms. Boomsma reviewed DEP comments with the responses to the 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 with plans submitted along with permission for the Commission to site visit the property during work occurring.

#### New Business:

Ms. Carrieanne Petrik, regional coordinator of the State Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs (Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program – MVP) was present by the request of Mr. Mark Carson in regards to bank stabilization on Hartsville Mill River Road Bridge that intersections with Underwood Road. Ms. Petrik mentioned that MVP is opening up to receive grants (request for responses – RFR), grants range from \$25,000.00 to 2 million will be available – RFR are available mid-March, due in May and awarded sometime in August. Ms. Petrik also mentioned that it would be helpful to educate/train the public residence about what work would be permit able in the wetlands. Mrs. Worthington will be in contact with Ms. Petrik about more information regarding the grant.

Mr. William Hosier, property manager for Vergelegen LLC – Canaan Southfield Rd, was present as a representative for the owners (Koerners) about a new berm at the gravel pit across the road. Dr. Schreiber viewed site the from the road and mentioned that this was done beyond the 200 feet river front area. Dr. Schreiber contacted the Western Region DEP team who reviewed the issue and mentioned that the new digging berm construction area is jurisdictional since it is within 100 year flood plain and might actually obstruct the flow of flood water. DEP suggested that the berm on the side of the gravel pit opposite the river be removed. The rest of the Commission members will all view the site from the road, and will make a decision about how to proceed at the March meeting.

The Commission reviewed the mail:

- Forest Cutting Plan – Bluebird Hill Development LLC – County Road – 86+ acres – approved.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 17<sup>th</sup> at 5PM.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 6:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Chretien  
Secretary