

Conservation Commission – August 18, 2022 in Zoom/Conference Call Meeting

Members present were Dr. John Schreiber, Co-Chair Chair, Mr. Freddy Friedman, Mrs. Nanci Worthington, and Dr. Doug Hyde. Others present were Ms. Martha Bryan, Mr. Robert Akroyd, and Mr. Ian Devine.

Meeting was called to order at 5 PM.

Meeting minutes of Minutes July 21st, 2022 were accepted as amended.

Yohalem Hearing: Present for this hearing was property representative Mr. Robert Akroyd, Greylock Design Associates. Property location is 136 Cagney Hill Rd. Applicant submitted an RDA for the purpose of correcting significant on-going erosion by installing 6" plus rip rap stone along the bank and simultaneously re-establishing the bank by placing soil and installing plantings. Mr. Akroyd mentioned that the bank might be classified as an intermittent stream. Mr. Akroyd also stated that runoff has increased causing serious erosion and a property land loss of 10 to 12 feet, along with a 12 foot drop which is threatening the property. The Commission reviewed Mass Mapper with Mr. Akroyd and it showed no wetlands. Dr. Schreiber mentioned that per 310 10.0.4 regulations concerning the definition of a stream it needs to be determined where the water is going to; if only road water drainage then it's not jurisdictional. The site visit from the Commission confirmed that the water source for this channel is road runoff only. No evidence of streams or other water sources was found. After review it was determined that water runoff is from the road runoff swale only. After discussion so voted to close this hearing. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve this application has a negative determination #1 that this channel is not jurisdictional.

Devine: Present for this review of a RDA submitted was property owner, Mr. Ian Devine. Property location is 61 Steepletop Rd. Applicant submitted an RDA for the purpose of removing log and branch debris from Harnett Pond dam. Mr. Devine mentioned that beavers have dammed the pond and have chewed a few big trees that are in the pond. Mr. Devine stated that Joe Wilkinson will complete the work. It was decided to hold a special meeting on August 30th at 5PM to hear and make a decision on this application, since the application came in too late for advertising.

New Business: Mrs. Worthington mentioned that she had attended the MACC fundamental classes and has resources to share. Mrs. Worthington inquired if she should attend a Planning Board meeting a share the information. A motion was made, seconded for Mrs. Worthington to attend a Planning Board meeting. Motion passed to 2 to 1.

Dr. Schreiber mentioned that the Commission should complete a spread sheet on all applications that need to be tracked and this motion was agreed to by the Commission.

Old Business: Dr. Schreiber mentioned the compliant that was discussed and site visited last month regarding: Crine/Wilson needs to be followed up with another site visit. Dr. Schreiber also mentioned that Mr. Crine has obtained a logging permit.

Mail:

- *DCR – Finding on Petersen – 0 Mill River Gt. Barrington Rd.
- * Walter Cudnohufsky Associates Inc. -submitted maps, list of proposed trees, and diagram for Petersen – 0 Mill River Rd.
- * Forest Cutting Plan – Petersen – 0 Mill River Gt. Barrington Rd – 5 acres – approved.
- * Forest Cutting Plan – Bette Ann Stalker – Hartsville Mill River Rd – 86 acres - final report.
- * Special Permit – Bailin – 28 Deerwood Rd. The Commission reviewed the special permit and it was decided that a NOI needs to be submitted.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 15th at 5PM.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 5:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Chretien
Secretary