

## Conservation Commission – September 26, 2020 Conference Call Meeting

Members present were Mr. Freddy Friedman, Dr. John Schreiber, and Mrs. Nanci Worthington & Mr. Dave Herrick. Others on the conference call were Ms. Emily Renshaw, Mr. Scott McFarland, Mr. Robert Hartt, Mr. Peter Hagen, & Mrs. Kyle Pierce.

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM.

Meeting minutes of August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 were accepted as amended.

### New Business:

Present for discussion regarding development in the Lake Buel area was, Mr. Peter Hagen, Chairman of the Lake Buel District, Mrs. Kyle Pierce, member of the Lake Buel District, Mr. Scott McFarland, Board of Health Agent, & Mr. Robert Hartt, Planning Board Member. Dr. Schreiber mentioned that the Commission has noticed lots of houses being demolished and new houses being built on the same foot print. Mr. McFarland mentioned that the bigger rebuilds are staying on the same foot print with the same number of bedrooms and that most have had cesspools which are being improved with wells, which is better for the lake. Mr. McFarland also mentioned that there are a few that still share a well, but most of the homes have their own wells. Mr. Hagen mentioned that he is only aware of one mcmansion in his opinion, which happens to be the one closest to the lake and looks like a floating house. Mr. Friedman mentioned that there should be some changes to protect the lake. Mrs. Pierce mentioned that on the Monterey side of the lake there is a proposal for eight (8) houses. The Commission thanked those who called in for the discussion and a subcommittee will be formed to include: Building Inspector, Board of Health Agent, Planning Board member, Lake Buel District member, and Conservation Commission member.

The Commission received a certificate of compliance for Mark Walker – 492 New Marlborough Monterey Rd (North Rd) from Ms. Emily Stockman, Stockman Associates. An order of conditions was issued on August 5, 2017 for a private hiking trail and boardwalk. It was noted that the Commission completed a site visit with Ms. Stockman prior to the meeting. After a brief discussion a motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the certificate of compliance. It was noted that the trail was beautifully completed.

### Old Business:

Koerner Hearing: Representative Ms. Renshaw, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP was present for the continued RDA hearing. Dr. Schreiber mentioned that Mr. Friedman and he met with Mr. Joe Wilkinson to complete a site visit on Canaan Southfield Rd, but the property owner who was issued an enforcement order didn't grant permission for the Commission to view the whole property. Dr. Schreiber mentioned that the contractor is requesting an extension on the deadline to restore the area due to the drought. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to extend the planting/restoration. The Commission will request in writing a report of the

replanting from the contractor, Mr. Joe Wilkinson. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to continue this hearing.

New Business:

The Commission received an email complaint of work begin done on Canaan Valley Road that hasn't been approved by the Commission. The Commission drove by the area on 0 Canaan Valley Road and noticed that the lot is for sale and that it looks like they used an old logging road and added to it. The Commission will research to find locate the current owner of the property and Mr. Friedman will contact the real estate agent. After discussion a motion was made, seconded and so voted to issue an enforcement order to the owner of 0 Canaan Southfield Rd since activity has happen in the riverbank are resource area without the Commission's authority.

The Commission completed a site visit on Lakeside Road to view a big tree which is damaging a retaining wall. It was mentioned that the area is common area owned by three (3) property owners. The Commission suggested to the owners to submit an RDA for the tree removal since it's not an emergency.

Mr. Friedman mentioned that Mr. Keith Wilkinson is interested in being on the Commission.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 11:02AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Chretien  
Secretary