

Conservation Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2007

Members present: Chair Horace Aikman, Tim Holiner, Ed Dennison, Will Schulz, John Sullivan, and associate member John Rossetti

Members absent: Peter McGlynn, Rick Weden

Agents: George Giunta

1. 11 CRANBERRY LANE – Calumet

Notice having been duly published the hearing for a Notice of Intent was opened. The applicant was present, represented by Joyce Hastings from GLM Engineering. She described the project proposing demolition of an existing house and construction of a new single-family house. She stated there are isolated wetlands on the east side of the property, with approximately half of the new house proposed to be in the buffer zone but outside the no structure setback. Discussion.

A site walk was scheduled for Saturday, July 14 at 9:30 AM.

The hearing is continued to August 15.

2. 5 SHERBROOKE DRIVE – Mitchell

Cont. The site walk was discussed.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the Commission voted to close the hearing.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the Commission voted to issue an Order of Conditions.

3. ATWOOD SUBDIVISION – Friends of Colonial Road

Notice having been duly published the hearing for a Notice of Intent was opened. Attorney Jay Talerma, and Jeff Cane from the Waterfield Design Group, was present representing the applicant. Attorney Talerma described the proposal for an 8 lot subdivision accessing through a lot on Colonial Road. He stated that the design is attempting to minimize adverse impacts to the extensive wetlands on this parcel. Most of the 6 lots in R-1 zoning will have minimal disturbance greater than 50' of buffer zone. The 2 ANR lots in R-2 zoning on Walpole Street were reviewed with several options and scenarios discussed. There was also a general discussion regarding the roadway and crossing. The Commission stated they would like the width kept at 12'. Stormwater issues were also discussed. Landscaping plans will be submitted at the August hearing. Discussion.

A site walk was scheduled for Saturday, July 28 at 9:30 AM.

The hearing is continued to August 15.

4. 6 CIRCLE DRIVE – Jaffe

The property owners were present for a discussion regarding a violation. Agent George Giunta reported on his finding of several trees cut in the buffer zone and wood chips spread within a few feet of wetlands in the “no disturb” area. Discussion. Setbacks under the bylaw were explained. The property owner agreed to plant 8 trees in the 25’ “no disturb” and pull back the wood chips so they are outside the 25’ “no disturb” area. George will visit the site again and go over the setbacks and requirements for restoration with the property owners.

5. 8 CIRCLE DRIVE – Tsourides/O’Brien

The property owners were present with Ardi Rrapi from Cheney Engineering. He submitted the restoration plan and described the planting plan. The restoration plan proposal shows the wetland line with the 25’ “no disturb” setback. He stated that bounds would be installed to permanently mark this area. Discussion.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the Commission voted to accept the restoration plan as presented.

6. 36 OLD FARM ROAD – Attridge

A DEP number has been issued.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the Commission voted to close the hearing.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the Commission voted to issue an Order of Conditions.

7. 162 CENTRE STREET – Soska

Commissioner John Sullivan recused himself as he stated he has been hired as the builder for this property.

Notice having been duly published the hearing for a Request for Determination of Applicability was opened. Evan Wilmarth, Dover Land Surveying Company, is the applicant’s representative and was not present. John Sullivan stated he would present the RDA proposal in Evan’s absence. He stated the project involves construction of a driveway and installation of a settling pool. Proposed construction of a new single-family house is outside the 100’ buffer zone. The work proposed under this RDA is approximately 85’ and across Centre Street from wetlands. He submitted photos of the area, and the resource areas were discussed as well as details of the elevation of the road and surrounding land. Discussion.

Richard Powers, an abutter across Centre Street, expressed his concern with potential run-off and siltation of his ponds. Historical run-off problems at the site were reviewed. Discussion

John Sullivan, representing the applicant, agreed to a continuance that he will submit in writing for the file.

The hearing is continued to the next meeting on August 15.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. New Chair election – a motion was made to elect Ed Dennison the new chair. The motion was unanimously carried and Ed Dennison is the new chair replacing Horace Aikman who is leaving the Commission.
2. New members and associates – citizens present and interested as potential associates were introduced as Paul Angelico, and Karen Goldaber. Ed Dennison stated that Kate Faulkner has also expressed interest but was unable to attend tonight.
3. Neighborhood letter – John Sullivan suggested the idea of sending a letter to neighborhoods that have wetlands issues. Discussion. He will follow up with a draft letter.
4. Schedule meetings – upcoming meetings were scheduled as follows: August meeting rescheduled from the 8th to the 15th, September 12 & 26th, October 10th & 24th, November 14th & 28th, December 12, January 9th & 23rd.
5. Minutes for June 27 were approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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