

Conservation Meeting Minutes April 14, 2010

Members present: Chair Kate Faulkner, Tim Holiner, Peter McGlynn, John Sullivan, Ed Dennison, Paul Angelico, and associate members Candace McCann and Janet O'Connor

Members absent: Rick Weden
Agent: George Giunta

1. 40 YORKSHIRE ROAD – Pu

Notice having been duly published the hearing for a Notice of Intent, under the Bylaw only, was opened. Joyce Hastings, GLM Engineering Consultants, was present representing the applicant. The proposal is for landscaping around the foundation of the house and in areas that are currently lawn. In addition, a garden house approximately 12' x 12' with water feature is also proposed. The Commission is familiar with this site from previous filings and agent George Giunta has reviewed the site. No plantings shall be in wetlands areas.

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 with the Special Condition that no plantings shall be in wetland resource areas.

2. 97 WALPOLE STREET - Hart

Cont. The applicant was present with engineer Jeff Kane. A revised plan was submitted showing an adjusted hay bale line that has been replaced as directed by the Commission. Jeff Kane, on behalf of the property owner, requested a fence along the wetland line at the rear of the property. The Commission denied that request as no structures are allowed in wetlands. Other options were discussed such as deer fence netting, which is tacked to trees. Discussion.

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

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission voted, with Peter McGlynn abstaining, to issue an Order of Conditions with a special condition allowing deer fence netting along the wetland line.

3. 20 OLD FARM ROAD – Vacca

The property owners, John Ansteth and Andea Difabio, were present with Evan Wilmarth from Dover Land Survey. The property owners stated that they are no longer associated with the builder.

A restoration plan, required by the Commission to bring the property into compliance with the Order of Conditions and approved plan, was submitted. There was a review of the violations, which consist of filling of wetlands, work within the 25' no disturb setback, and construction of a patio within the 40' no structure setback. The proposed restoration plan includes only removal of the sod in the wetland and removal of the patio. There was a discussion of the adverse impacts of fill in wetlands, which is not allowed under the bylaw. Options were discussed and the fact that any replication must be in areas that are not currently wetlands.

The Commission's wetland agent, Paul McManus, will be asked to review the restoration plan, make a site inspection, and issue a report.

A site walk for Commission members was scheduled for Saturday, April 17th at 8:30 AM.

This matter is continued to April 28.

4. 45 YORKSHIRE ROAD – Larimer

The property owners have come in for a discussion of a possible violation in the riverfront area of their home. A fence was erected by previous owners after a violation and subsequent restoration. Discussion of the DEP riverfront regulations.

A site walk was scheduled for Saturday, April 17 at 9:30 AM.

This matter is continued to April 28.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Minutes for March 24 were approved.
2. Ed Dennison announced that he will be stepping down when his term expires in June. Janet O'Conner has agreed to fill this slot.
3. High School Graduation award – Tim Holiner volunteered to be the presenter this year.
4. Lyme Disease Committee – Tim updated the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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