

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2011

Members Attending: Kate Faulkner, Rick Weden, Tim Holiner, John Sullivan, Candace McCann, Sandy Sheble-Hall, John Sheehan, and Agent George Giunta. Members Absent: Larry Clawson and Tim Chorey

Emergency Order, 167 Claybrook Road

Mr. Ardi Rrapi was present to request an emergency order for 167 Claybrook Road. The homeowners do not have water. He requested an emergency replacement well and will abandon the current well, which is in the 100 ft buffer zone. Erosion control has been installed. Mr. Rrapi will be present for the RDA at the next meeting, January 4, 2012.

Motion made to issue an emergency order for 167 Claybrook Road to allow digging for the well with the understanding the RDA will be filed for the next meeting on January 4, 2012. Motion seconded and unanimously voted.

RDA, 31 Valley Road

Mr. Ardi Rrapi was present. Notice having been duly published, the hearing for RDA for 31 Valley Road was opened. The septic upgrade is outside the buffer zone but the grading is within the 100 ft buffer. Agent Giunta inspected and the wetland line is clear.

Motion to close the hearing and issue a negative determination based on the plan presented. Seconded and unanimously voted.

DEP#144-681 71 Claybrook Road, Fisch (continued NOI)

Present: Mr. Scott Goddard, Goddard Consulting, Mr. Ardi Rrapi, Cheney Engineering and Mr. Larry Fisch, the homeowner. Scott Goddard said the tree removal work previously approved by the Commission had been done. Mr. Goddard outlined the recommendations in response to the memo dated Dec. 12, 2011 from Paul McManus, EcoTec:

1. A detail sheet with pre and post grading showing contour lines only.
2. Set pool area elevation at 107.5 above flood plain and put pool house on posts.
3. Re-locate the barn outside the floodplain and wetlands, would still be in inner riparian zone.

There was discussion of septic. The Commission suggested some rank ordering of projects. Improving rather than adding is preferred.

4. 10-scale sheets with existing conditions and proposed conditions (8 sheets total).
5. Driveway-107 elevation. Agent Giunta suggested profile every 20-25 ft to pick up variations.
6. Silt fence to prevent erosion and define limit of work and hay bales where Agent Giunta determines necessary.

The owner is planning a modular house and less impact to the site was noted. Mr. Rrapi will be designing the septic system. The number of bedrooms will remain at 6. He requested the septic be considered a necessity.

7. The ramp to the river-they will abandon the full ramp idea. They proposed instead a 12' wide pre cast step at the bank and a 12" pre-cast step down with a small pre-cast platform anchored to the ground. Agent Giunta reminded the applicant he still needs to file under Ch. 91.

The Commission agreed Mr. McManus will evaluate the wetland line. Mr. Goddard would like to be present and will coordinate a time for him and Paul to meet.

Mr. Goddard requested a continuance to January 18, 2012.

NStar, Discussion

Mr. Kevin McCune, NStar and Mr. David Halliwell, VHB were present.

Agent George Giunta notified the Commission that he had inspected all gates/guardrails installed in the Town of Dover by NSTAR, and found 3 that appeared to be located within 100 feet of wetlands. NSTAR responded that two of the areas were Federal properties owned by the Army Corps of Engineers and therefore not jurisdictional. NSTAR admitted they should have come before the Conservation Commission prior to placing a guardrail at the end of Juniper Lane. The Commission instructed NSTAR to either remove the guardrail, or submit an RDA/NOI for its installation prior to the January 18th meeting. They asked agent Giunta to clarify land ownership in all cases, prior to the next meeting.

Miscellaneous:

Minutes

Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of November 30, 2011.

Discussion

Candace McCann presented the Open Space Plan for 2011 to the Commission. The Commission discussed re-organization. Tim Holiner updated the Commission on the Rail Trail Committee meetings. An RDA will be filed. All work will be contained within the sides of the berm. The committee discussed using T base (crushed asphalt) to cap the ground. Access will be along the tracks. Railroad ties will be removed. All work will be within the rail bed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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