

Conservation Meeting Minutes
July 27, 2011

Members present: Kate Faulkner, John Sullivan, Candace McCann, Sandy Sheble-Hall, and Agent George Giunta.

Members absent: Rick Weden, Tim Holiner, John Sheehan, Larry Clawson

Notice of Intent:

20 LedgeWood Drive, 144-676, Shippell-Heiland

Present: Ardi Rrapi, Cheney Engineering

Notice having been duly published the hearing for a Notice of Intent for 20 LedgeWood Drive was opened.

The application is for a proposed pool house and garage. In addition, a generator is currently proposed 36 ½ ft from the wetlands. Mr. Rrapi advised the homeowner that it be moved outside the 40 ft no structure zone.

The new location of the generator was drawn in on the plan accompanying the Order of Conditions, and is to be included in the final As Built plan for Certificate of Compliance.

Motion made and seconded to close the hearing. So voted unanimously.

Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to accept the Notice of Intent plan as presented.

Continued Hearing:

Notice of Intent, 18 Walpole Street, 144-675, Heppelmann

Present: Ardi Rrapi, Cheney Engineering

Mr. Rrapi said the plan has been revised. The house is smaller and the septic system is outside the buffer zone.

Presently the grass is mowed to the edge of the pond and the applicant proposed the use of boulders and plants for a more natural look.

There will be no hydro raking. The proposal is to drain the pond, and using a low ground pressure track excavator, scrape to remove a layer of sediment then the compost spread on the adjacent field.

Mr. Rrapi was reminded that he cannot make the pond bigger or smaller. The pond must be maintained. If cattails or trees are allowed to grow they cannot be removed.

The Commission also advised if any herbicide or algaecide use is planned for the future the applicant must provide specifications of the chemicals to be used. Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to close the hearing.

Motion made to accept the Notice of Intent as presented dated 7-27-2011 and accept the proposal for cleaning the pond as submitted – draining the pond down, using a low ground pressure track excavator, and spreading the organic compost on the field. Also any use of pesticide/herbicide is brought before the Commission. Conservation Agent will track progress of the job. Motion seconded and unanimously voted.

Discussion:

93 Farm Street, violation

Present: Anthony Marken, homeowner

There was a complaint from a neighbor who is a bee keeper, of pesticide spraying at 93 Farm Street during the afternoon.

Agent Giunta explained pesticide spraying effects the bees due to the timing of the spraying and the bee keeper next door claimed to have had bees die from it.

The Chair further explained that any pesticide spraying in the buffer zone without prior Conservation Commission approval violated the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act. Homeowner expressed understanding and said he would come before the Commission prior to any further work.

105 Centre Street/Wylde Woods

Agent Giunta update the Commission that restoration trees will be planted in the bulldozed path according to the plan.

Minutes

Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of July 13, 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Hagerty
Administrative Assistant