

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2016
7:30 PM

Present: Tim Holiner, Acting Chair, Kate Faulkner, Sarah Monaco, Amey Moot, Associates Jim McLaughlin and Larry Clawson, and Agent Giunta. Absent: Janet Bowser, David Stapleton, John Sullivan.

Request for Determination of Applicability

56 Main Street, Marconi – removal of 1 tree, Marconi Tree Removal

Notice having been duly published, the hearing for Request for Determination of Applicability was opened. Peter Marconi of Marconi Tree Removal was present. He is the homeowner. Agent Giunta visited the site and did not see the need to remove the tree. He advised it is a young tree, with an 8" diameter and it is not dead. He also stated the tree line shown on the 2009 approved plan, does not correspond with the lot as it looks presently-the tree line is no longer there. After further discussion, motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to close the hearing and issue a positive Determination of Applicability.

Notice of Intent

144- 33 Miller Hill Rd., Bouchard, driveway paving/plantings/wall/drainage work- Cheney Eng.

Notice having been duly published, the hearing for Notice of Intent was opened. Present for the applicant, Thaddeus Bouchard, was Ardi Rrapi, Cheney Engineering. He presented the plan showing the driveway, drainage system, plantings and repair of wall. He proposes re-stacking of the existing fieldstone wall with the same stones presently there. Asphalt proposed over existing drive. He also proposed a 4' wide strip with plantings along the driveway next to the rip rap. They are seeking approval tonight of only erosion control barrier installation. They will install new EC sock over the old EC sock as it is deteriorating. It has been in place for 1 ½ yrs and is ineffective as it is now. They will be adding more EC sock for the invasive removal if approved. After discussion, motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to approve the EC portion only with the following condition: Detail to be supplied on invasive removal procedure in the form of a letter with sequencing. Hand tools only shall be used. The applicant requested in writing a continuance of the hearing to the next meeting on 12/12/16 as no DEP has been issued.

Continued Notices of Intent

144-797 Francis Street, Lots 42/44 Open Space Builders, new home – GLM Eng.

and

144-796 Francis Street, Lot 45, Open Space Builders, new home – GLM Eng.

The continued hearings were discussed together. Present for the applicant was Joyce Hastings of GLM Engineering. Joyce presented a revised plan showing the stone trench added and also detail for the roof run off as requested by the Commission. Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions for Lot 42/44 Francis Street as currently presented. Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions for Lot 45 Francis Street as currently presented.

144-784 24 Miller Hill Road requested in writing a continuance to the meeting of 1/11/17. The Commission granted the request.

Discussion

5 Turtle Lane, Suzanne Zack – Horace Aikman

Present for the applicant, Suzanne Zack was Horace Aikman Architect. He presented a plan for a replacement brick patio and plantings in the riverfront. They will demo the current brick and replace with bluestone and add an outdoor food prep area and eating area. The current patio slopes toward the house. They propose the new patio would slope toward the river with a stone infiltration trench. The footprint will remain the same. For the filing, they shall show the patio as it is and the proposed patio. They wish to plant on the bank – bee friendly plants. EC will be installed at the bank edge. They proposed to cut vegetation to 1-2" and remove some invasive plants. They will use a biodegradable EC during planting. Their filing will include a description of this biodegradable EC. They will also supply a list of plants and a narrative of work. They will provide details of the invasive plant removal as well.

Enforcement Order – 38 Miller Hill Road

Robert Flynn, homeowner was present with his daughter, Doris Kelly. Agent Giunta had observed tree cutting on his property while visiting another site. The closest point appears to 25' from a stream. The owner believed he had an agricultural exemption. The Commission explained he must file before cutting any trees. They also explained there is a process in applying to be an Agricultural exempt property, and advised him he is not exempt. He was also advised he could repair the existing driveway without a permit but the brush/debris needs to be removed from the buffer zone. Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to remove the EO from 38 Miller Hill Rd.

Porter Trust

Gil Menna, member DLCT present. He is a neighbor of the Smith, Farm and Bridge Street area. He explained the history of Porter Trust and the timeline for donations to purchase the land. The Commission discussed the possibility of using the Adams Fund to contribute to the purchase.

FY18 Budget – line item addition

The Commission agrees with adding a line item to the budget for the remainder of FY17 and the new budget for FY18. This line item addition would have a title of land management planning and would not increase the budget. It would be used in addition to trail maintenance, with the funds split between the two categories.

Requests for Certificate of Compliance

144-782 6 Sterling Drive – Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to issue a Certificate of Compliance for 6 Sterling Drive.

Bylaw 161 Farm Street (Lot 5A) - Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to issue a Certificate of Compliance for 161 Farm Street.

Minutes – Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve minutes of 9/28/16 and 10/19/16.

Signatures – Commissioners signed forms, invoices, and payroll.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Hagerty