Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2016
7:30 PM

Present: John Sullivan, Tim Holiner, Kate Faulkner, Amey Moot, David Stapleton, Associate Larry Clawson and Karon Catrone, Conservation Agent in Westwood. Absent: Sarah Monaco and Agent Giunta.

Request for Determination of Applicability

122 Farm Street, Eysie – fence

Notice having been duly published, hearing for Request for Determination of Applicability for 122 Farm Street was opened. Joyce Hastings, GLM Engineering was present for the applicant, John Eysie. Proposal is for installation of fence around in-ground pool at rear of existing house. Fence is proposed within existing lawn with no trees or shrubs to be disturbed. The area is very flat. If approved, straw wattles proposed along the 40' buffer. Agent Catrone recommended compost sock or filter mitt in place of straw wattle. There was discussion regarding conditions of approval. Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to close the hearing and issue a Negative Determination of Applicability for 122 Farm Street with the following 4 conditions:

1. Stake prior to any work
2. Erosion control staked prior to any work
3. Conservation notified before work begins
4. Conservation notified when work is completed.

Notices of Intent

144-776 57 Draper Road, Saber – trench drain, home addition and garage

Notice having been duly published, hearing for Notice of Intent for 57 Draper Road was opened. Ardi Rrapi, Cheney Engineering was present for the applicant, Stephen Saber. Proposal for seasonal storage garage, home addition and driveway extension were discussed. Agent Catrone recommended infiltration for a 1" storm. Agent Catrone will visit site and report back to the Commission. Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to close the hearing and issue a standard Order of Conditions with approval contingent upon verification by Agent and there are no other open permits for this property. The Commission advised to hold off on installing the erosion control barrier.

144- 6 Stagecoach Lane (Lot 7), Howe – new single family home

Notice having been duly published, the hearing for Notice of Intent at 6 Stagecoach Lane was opened. Present for the applicant, Mark Howe, was Joyce Hastings of GLM Engineering. She presented plans for the lot. No number has been issued and the Commission scheduled a site visit for Thurs. 2/18/16 at 4 pm. Joyce requested in writing a continuance to the next meeting on 2/24/16 and the Commission granted the request.

144- 8 Stagecoach Lane (Lot 6), Howe – new single family home

Notice having been duly published, the hearing for Notice of Intent at 8 Stagecoach Lane was opened. Present for the applicant, Mark Howe, was Joyce Hastings of GLM Engineering. She presented plans for the lot. No number has been issued and the Commission scheduled a site visit for Thurs. 2/18/16 at 4 pm. Joyce requested in writing a continuance to the next meeting on 2/24/16 and the Commission granted the request.

144- 10 Stagecoach Lane (Lot 5), Howe – new single family home

Notice having been duly published, the hearing for Notice of Intent at 10 Stagecoach Lane was opened. Present for the applicant, Mark Howe, was Joyce Hastings of GLM Engineering. She presented plans for the lot. No number has been

issued and the Commission scheduled a site visit for Thurs. 2/18/16 at 4 pm. Joyce requested in writing a continuance to the next meeting on 2/24/16 and the Commission granted the request.

144- 11 Stagecoach Lane (Lot 4), Howe – new single family home

Notice having been duly published, the hearing for Notice of Intent at 11 Stagecoach Lane was opened. Present for the applicant, Mark Howe, was Joyce Hastings of GLM Engineering. She presented plans for the lot. No number has been issued and the Commission scheduled a site visit for Thurs. 2/18/16 at 4 pm. Joyce requested in writing a continuance to the next meeting on 2/24/16 and the Commission granted the request.

Agent Catrone recommended SWPPP reports to be sent to the Commission. Erosion control was discussed.

Request to Amend existing Order of Conditions

144-767 58 Main Street, Devine – tree removal

Notice having been duly published, the hearing for Amendment at 58 Main Street. Present for the applicant, John Devine, Strawberry Hill Landscaping, was Joyce Hastings of GLM Engineering. She presented amended plans for the property. The owner stated the removal of 13 trees is for safety purposes. A planting plan is proposed to add 21 trees (maple, spruce, hemlock) and 28 shrubs (dogwood, pepperbush, inkberry, blueberry). The stumps shall be left as flush, unless planting is to be done in that particular area. In that case, the stump shall be ground. There will be no excavation. Erosion control will be straw wattle or silt fence. Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to close the hearing and approve the Amendment with the condition of silt fence or straw wattle to be used to protect the intermittent stream.

144- 6 Sterling Drive, Davis – septic system

Notice having been duly published, the hearing for Notice of Intent at 6 Sterling Drive was opened. Present for the applicant, Maura Davis, was Joyce Hastings of GLM Engineering. She presented plans for septic system replacement. This would be an alternate system. No number has been issued as of the meeting. Joyce requested in writing a continuance to the next meeting on 2/24/16 and the Commission granted the request.

There was discussion about future filings of failed replacement systems. GLM inquired if the Commission would consider Request for Determination submittals with conditions of erosion controls and inspection upon completion attached to the Determination, rather than a full NOI filing. There will be further discussion on this subject.

Continued Notices of Intent

144-777 21 Schaffner Lane, Savage – removal of 4 pines and 1 maple tree, retaining wall and grading

Notice having been duly published, the hearing for Notice of Intent for 21 Schaffner Lane was opened. The proposed plan shows removal of 5 trees, grading and retaining wall installation. There was discussion of the plan and conditions. Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions with the following conditions:

1. Erosion control shall be silt fence and choice of straw wattle or straw bales
2. Split rail fence continuously maintained or boulders with a minimum 3 ft diameter shall be installed at 5 ft intervals along the 25' no disturb buffer zone.

Discussion

Commission Member Applicant

The Commission had a discussion with applicant Janet Bowser. There were also 2 other applicants who were not present at the meeting. There is currently 1 open Commissioner vacancy and additional 1- yr Associate positions.

Minutes

Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of 2/10/16.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Hagerty
Administrative Assistant