

Conservation Commission Meeting

Minutes

February 26, 2020

7:30 PM

Present at the meeting were Dover Conservation Commission members Chairman John Sullivan, Tim Holiner, Amey Moot, Christy Violin and Jim McLaughlin. Absent: Sarah Monaco and David Stapleton. Also present was Agent Janet Bowser.

Request for Determination of Applicability

30 Saddle Ridge Rd., Feig, tree removal

Having been duly advertised, the hearing for tree removal at 30 Saddle Ridge was opened. The owner and applicant, Maureen Feig was present. She presented her request with photos and an arborist report. She also presented a survey plan showing the approximate location of the dead trees proposed for removal or pruning. An abutter was present and voiced concerns regarding the proposed tree removal. Agent Bowser had visited the site prior to the meeting gave the following comments: After tree removal, vegetation will remain to act as a buffer for the wetlands. If the trees were to fall, they could damage the stream bank. The trees are primarily Pine. If new trees were to be planted in the same area they may not survive, due to the wetness of the area. She believes the wetland will be adequately protected and stable with the sufficient amount of shade for the wetland. The Negative Determination shall state the Commission has not approved the wetland line as shown on the submitted survey plan. Agent Bowser submitted her comment memo dated 2/23/20, Items # 1,2, and 3. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to close the hearing and issue a Negative Determination of Applicability with conditions as stated and as listed on Agent Bowser memo, items 1,2,3 dated 2/23/20.

Request for Certificate of Compliance

144-822 36 Miller Hill Rd., Saber - Cheney Engineering

Present for the applicant, Stephen Saber, was Ardi Rrapi of Cheney Engineering. He reviewed the submitted Request for Certificate of Compliance cover letter dated 1/2/20, received 2/13/20. Agent Bowser stated the site is not stabilized. Ardi stated the seeding work will be done. He explained the reason for differing roof drainage as due to a requirement of the Board of Health and per the Board of Health Agent. He also proposed additional crushed stone to be used and if the Commission is in agreement he'll provide an updated plan showing that. He additionally asked if 4 bounds with markers could be installed rather than the originally required boulders. They would be granite bounds 18" in height with disc markers on top. The Commission agreed that would be sufficient and the locations were specified on Cheney Engineering plan which will be revised to show exact locations. The Commission directed Agent Bowser will inspect in early summer 2020 for a stabilized lawn slope. The request was continued to 3/11/20 for further work and revised plan.

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Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to table the minutes to the next meeting on 3/11/20.

Discussion

Town Owned Land Discussion and Recommendations

Amey Moot, Open Space Chair, discussed her recommendations for formal deed title from Town of Dover to Dover Conservation Commission. She said MASS GIS is now accurate with the Conservation Commission open space due to her latest submittals. The Commission questioned the Dover GIS scheduled updates and some changes that need to be made. They suggested changes could be made using real time updates. Some specific lands discussed were Ponzi land,

MacIntosh land, Valley Farm. She suggested the land be separately categorized as land needing maintenance and land not needing maintenance. Amey also suggested bounds on the Wylde Woods property to protect that open space.

Rules and Regulations draft changes discussion

The Commission discussed the following proposed changes:

Discussed minimum setbacks for no disturb buffer zones. There was a short discussion of increasing to 40' no disturb buffer/60' no structure buffer zones OR increasing to 50' no disturb buffer/75 no structure buffer zones. Discussion will continue at the next meeting on 3/11/20.

Signatures

The Commission signed permits, bills and payroll.

Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:45 PM.

Documents:

Janet Bowser comment memo dated 2/23/2020

30 Saddle Ridge Road:

Applicant letter dated 2/5/20

Arborist Phil Courcy letter dated 2/4/20

Survey plan dated 5/28/14 showing approximate tree locations

Photos

36 Miller Hill Road:

Cheney Engineering Request for Certificate of Compliance letter dated 1/2/20

Cheney Engineering As Built Plan dated 1/2/20

Order of Conditions, Special Conditions #144-822

Recommendation to Dover Board of Selectmen for Town owned properties to be deeded to Conservation Commission dated 12/20/19, rev. 2/11/20

Rules and Regulations of the Dover Wetland Protection Bylaw, draft revisions, rev. 2/3/2020