

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2020
HELD REMOTELY USING ZOOM

Present at the Zoom meeting were:

Chairman John Sullivan

Tim Holiner

Amey Moot

Sarah Monaco

Jim McLaughlin

Christy Violin

David Stapleton by phone

Also present was consultant to the Commission, Agent Janet Bowser

Requests for Determination of Applicability

6 Conrick Lane. Joy Dasgupta. tree removal request (41 trees total)

Having been duly published, the Commission opened the hearing. Agent Bowser recommended approval. She has visited the site twice and observed the trees to be a safety issue. Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to close the hearing and issue a negative determination with the conditions listed in Agent Bowser's report dated 5/22/20:

1. All machinery used to cut and remove the trees must be located in the adjacent roadway or in the owner's driveway and no machinery such as a bucket truck is allowed onto the lawn area within the 100 ft. buffer zone.
2. Two and a half feet (2.5 ') of the tree trunk must remain in place for all trees within 30 ft. of the wetland resource areas in order to provide for stabilization and wildlife habitat.
3. All sections of the removed trees including wood chips shall be disposed of outside the 100 ft. BZ.
4. The Negative DOA shall state that the Commission has not approved the wetland delineation shown on the submitted plan since DEP Delineation Field Data Forms were not submitted and as a result the delineation cannot be confirmed.

10 Brookfield Rd., Essam. septic system, GLM Engineering

Having been duly published, the Commission opened the hearing. Joyce Hastings of GLM Engineering reviewed the plan. There was discussion of using straw wattles as erosion control as the project is planned to be completed quickly. For this short-term project Joyce feels the straw is better suited. Agent Bowser recommended straw wattle, silt fence and orange construction fence. Janet and Joyce discussed the location of the EC. Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to close the hearing and issue a negative determination with the following conditions:

1. straw wattles, silt fence, for erosion control and orange construction fencing shall be installed. 2. The Negative DOA shall state that the Commission has not approved the wetland delineation shown on the submitted plan since DEP Delineation Field Data Forms were not submitted and as a result the delineation cannot be confirmed.

Notices of Intent

144-846 4 Juniper Lane, Hartman, home addition and septic tanks, GLM Engineering

Having been duly published, the Commission opened the hearing. Joyce Hastings of GLM Engineering reviewed the plan. She stated all work is in existing lawn. Access was shown on the plan. Silt fence and straw wattle was requested for use as EC. Agent Bowser felt that straw wattle would be fine if silt fence and orange construction fence were used. Joyce said the orange construction fence is used to show limit of work. She feels in this case there is not a lot of machinery and activity and silt fence would be adequate. She said orange construction fence is much more expensive. Agent Bowser agreed straw wattle and silt fence would be fine. There was further discussion of the natural shedding of the water flow on the site. Joyce referred to Agent Bowser's comments dated 5/22/20 suggesting paved berm. The type of berm was discussed to control the flow of stormwater to the yard. An earthen berm or gravel or a rain garden were discussed as possibilities. Joyce and the Chair agree it may be difficult to direct stormwater. The Chair discussed a small stone fence as another option. The Commission agreed and added as a condition of approval, that, Agent Bowser and Joyce Hastings will address driveway run off during the project and it will be approved by the Agent or the Commission. Joyce discussed the shed. She stated it only holds firewood and it sits on blocks. The Chair feels the shed is small scale and not an issue. Joyce said the tree cut in the wetland was cut half on the slope and the other half remained in the wetland. Joyce added the tree broke apart half way up. The owner cut and left in its location. The Chair stated generally if a tree falls it simply remains there. Tim Holiner agreed. Agent Bowser agrees if no negative impact to the wetland. Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to close the hearing and issue a standard Order of Conditions with the added conditions listed above - Agent Bowser and Joyce will address driveway run off during the project and it will be approved by the Agent or the Commission.

144-845 20 Pegan Lane, Malm driveway, renovations, landscape-MetroWest Eng. Brian Nelson

Having been duly published, the Commission opened the hearing. Brian described the project and showed the site plan. He described the work outside the buffer addressing water and downspouts. He said no earthwork was proposed in the driveway. Some of the existing drive is within the 25', 40' and 100'. He said the house was built in the 1920-1930's. There are steep slopes in close proximity to the wetland. Installation of a new gate is proposed. He received Agent Bowser's comments over the weekend and MetroWest will revise the plans based on comments. The owner has begun work at the site to access the back area and some grading has extended into the buffer. Agent Bowser said there was no erosion for the work already done. Amey Moot required the stock piling should be moved outside the buffer zone as soon as is practical. Brian said a revised plan will be submitted. The area north of the driveway could be used as a stockpile area. The EC is in and is located between the stockpile and the resource area. Brian stated they will only resurface the driveway and not replace it. Agent Bowser suggested revising the narrative as it states " remove and replace driveway". Agent Bowser is unsure if EC will fit in the space before the land drops off. Brian thought EC not necessary during driveway work. Agent Bowser recommended at least silt fence. There was discussion of replacing the concrete and wooden fence across the wetland. Agent Bowser suggested a waiver request if the Commission approves the 2 pillars and gate within the no structure setback. The cobble spillway is existing and proposed to be removed. Agent Bowser questioned why the spillway is there? Brian will investigate. The applicant requested a continuation of the hearing to June 10, 2020 meeting for

revisions to be received at least 1 week in advance of meeting. The Commission granted the request. The applicant will send the request in writing by email.

144-847 127 Farm St., Green septic system --- McIntyre Eng., Dan McIntyre

Having been duly published, the Commission opened the hearing. Present for the applicant was Dan McIntyre of McIntyre Engineering. He agreed with Agent Bowser's recommended conditions. He will use a compost filter sock and construction fencing. There was discussion of the lawn area as very wet. The previous owners mowed twice per year to maintain a wet meadow and avoid a wooded wetland. Amey Moot agreed it should continue to be mowed annually in the fall to encourage a wet meadow. Permanent bounds of 18" are required at the 25' no disturb buffer zone. Dan will be provided with the website information for the disc bounds previously approved by the Commission for other sites. Agent Bowser recommended issuance with the conditions listed in her recommendation memo dated 5/22/20.

Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to close the hearing and issue a standard Order of Conditions with the added special conditions as listed:

1. Revised site plan showing installation of orange construction fencing in front of the compost filter sock erosion control in the area bordering the new septic system installation: 2. Revised site plan showing the 25' No Disturb Setback line. 3. The portion of the wetland area being mowed in the 25' no disturb buffer to be mowed annually in the fall. 4. Permanent bounds be installed along the 25' NDS. 5. Special Condition: "If any dewatering is required during the installation of the septic tank and pump chamber, the dewatering pump must discharge to a temporary sediment sump that is located outside the 100' buffer zone."

144-428 39 Yorkshire Rd. Murphy, pond treatment expired OOC 2008) from prior owner, McKeon

There was discussion of the expired OOC from a previous owner. Agent Bowser conducted a site visit and confirmed that and no pond treatment has been done by the current owner, Michael Murphy. Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to issue a Certificate of Compliance for 39 Yorkshire Road.

144-451 55 Claybrook Rd. Christine Wood, porch (2002)

Agent Bowser recommended retaining wall, stone steps and dog kennel that are not shown on As-Built plan should be shown on the plan. The Chair believes this is covered because an Engineer visited the site to satisfy the outstanding OOC. Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to issue a Certificate of Compliance for 144-451, 55 Claybrook Rd.

144-396 55 Claybrook Rd. Wood, proposed home plans never built (1999)

The OOC had expired and the work never began for the proposed new home. Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to issue a Certificate of Compliance for 144-396, 55 Claybrook Rd.

E.O. _____ 55 Claybrook Rd., Wood, restoration prior owner (1996)

The file contained a COC signed by Commission members back in 1996, but never recorded at the Registry of Deeds. Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to issue a new original Certificate of Compliance for the EO recorded against 55 Claybrook Rd. for recording purposes.

144-510 _____ 92 Main St., Cheney Eng., Ardi Rrapi

Ardi Rrapi of Cheney Engineering stated he has no progress to report on the request. The item will be heard again in a future meeting when work is done.

144-640 _____ 78 Claybrook Rd. Cheney Eng., Ardi Rrapi

Ardi read a letter into the record which was submitted today by email prior to the meeting. Agent Bowser stated compensatory storage should be calculated in cubic feet. The applicant had calculated in square feet. A comparison was discussed. Ardi and Agent Bowser shall meet at the site to discuss and the homeowner will schedule a meeting with both prior to any work being done.

Discussion

E.O. _____ 57 Draper Rd., trees cut in buffer zone, compliance - continued

Ardi Rrapi of Cheney Engineering presented a report by Deb Anderson, Wetland Scientist. The abutter to 57 Draper Rd will be contacted again by the office to confirm her request for replacement of 2 trees that were cut on her property. The two trees were a 20' and a 17' diameter. Agent Bowser will review the report and visit the site.

E.O. _____ 48 Farm St., Sipp – paddock in b.v.w. - continued

The Commission discussed the continued violation at 48 Farm St. Agent Bowser will visit the site and if in violation, a letter will be sent to the homeowner after the Commission discusses at the 6/10/20 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM.

Documents:

J. Bowser's Comments for May 27, 2020 Conservation Commission meeting (submitted on 5/22).