

Conservation Commission



19 WASHINGTON STREET
SHERBORN, MASSACHUSETTS 01770

July 1, 2010

Sherborn Town Hall

7:00 P.M.

Minutes of the Meeting

Members: Steve Gaskin, Michael Lesser, Rob Eckert (Chair), Susan Tyler

Members Absent: Will Willis, Andrea Stiller, Carl Shedd

Guests: David Parrish, Curtis Young, Roger Demler, Keith Abbott, Nick and Helen Braithwaite

Call to Order: Rob called the meeting to order at 7:01P.M.

Request for Determinations

11 Washington Street:

Roger Demler was present representing the applicant. Based upon the Agent's report the Commission voted to support a Negative determination. Vote 4-0

6 Peckham Hill Road:

No one was present representing the applicant. Based upon the Agent's report the Commission voted to support a Negative Determination. Vote 4-0

174 Farm Road:

The applicant is requesting permission to conduct soil testing for a septic system. Based upon the Agent's report the Commission voted to support a Negative Determination for soil testing only. Vote 4-0

140 Nason Hill Road:

The applicant is requesting permission to conduct soil testing and a septic system. Based upon the Agent's report the Commission voted to support a Negative Determination for soil testing and septic system installation. Vote 4-0

74 Washington Street;

Curtis Young, PWS presented the plan requested by the Commission, the Agent had conducted a field inspection and the Agent's report indicated that she concurred with the wetland delineation as designated therein. David Parish, the Applicant indicated lawn areas and other planting to be conducted in disturbed areas. The presented plan also indicated the storm water from the roof would be diverted away from the wetlands areas. The Commission findings were, (1) the plan indicated a reduction of impervious buffer area of 1900 SF, (2) The impacts in the buffer are limited to previously altered areas of the buffer, (3) the revegetation of impacted buffer zone proposed by the Applicant was acceptable. The Commission voted to support a Negative 3 determination. Vote 4-0

Discussions

Discussion 1- Violation for 9 Ward Lane

The Property Owner, Keith Abbott, appeared as requested by the Agent, and Mr. and Mrs. Brathwaite an abutter, also appeared as interested parties. The Chairman explained that the Agent was not present due to illness but wanted to give each party the opportunity to express his or her perspective. Keith Abbott explained that he had removed brush piles as directed by the Agent, and that he had also cut "leaders" but not trees. The Brathwaithe's expressed that when they had their septic system installed they were not permitted to do any work in the wetland area. Further discussion was deferred until the next meeting, when the Agent would be available. It was recommended that it may be advantageous to have the wetland delineated in the area of the properties in question.

Discussion 2- Request to Amend Order of Conditions for 56 Greenwood Street

David Parish presented a plan indicating a revised building footprint and relocation of the septic tank(s). The Commission made the following findings: (1) the tank(s) being relocated were outside the Buffer, (2) the revision to the work indicated on the plans creates no impact to the resource areas, and (3) the change is minor. Based on the findings the Commission voted to unanimously that the change is minor and to approve the request to amend the Order of Conditions. Because the revision to the approved plans for the Order of Conditions is for a minor change there is no filing fee, however the Order will need to be recorded and some fees associated with the recording will apply.

Discussion 3- Request to Amend Order of Conditions for 34 McGregor Drive

Paul Saulnier appeared on behalf of the Applicant, and he presented a revised plan indicating the changes made in the field. The Commission made the following findings; (1) The new work not indicated on the previously approved plans is within the previously approved limit of work zone, and (2) the work indicated on the revised plans creates no additional negative impact on the resource areas. Based on the findings the Commission voted to unanimously approve the request to amend the Order of Conditions.

Documents Presented at the Meeting

1. 9 Ward Lane- April 2008 Pictometry photographs and Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Annual 2007 Report shall be kept in the file with the corresponding address

2. 34 McGregor Drive- Septic System Replacement Plans, dated June 7, 2010 and request to Amend the Order of Conditions, letter dated June 8, 2010, shall be kept in file with the corresponding address
3. 56 Greenwood Street-Septic System construction for 56 Greenwood Street, dated June 21, 2010, shall be kept in file with the corresponding address
4. 74 Washington Street- Topographic Plan for 74 Washington Street, date June 28, 2010, shall be kept in file with the corresponding address.

Adjournment: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Eckert, Chairman
Sherborn Conservation Commission