

Conservation Commission



19 WASHINGTON STREET
SHERBORN, MASSACHUSETTS 01770

September 4, 2014

Sherborn Town Hall

7:00 P.M.

Minutes of the Meeting

Members Present: Alex Dowse, Michael Lesser, Jessica Pettit, Andrea Stiller, Kelly McClintock, and Bridget Graziano (Conservation Agent / Administrator)

Members Absent: Steve Gaskin, Jessica Pettit

Mr. Lesser left to attend the BOS meeting at 7:28 pm and returned at 7:31 pm.

Mr. Lesser left to attend the BOS meeting at 7:59 pm and returned at 8:00 pm.

Mr. Lesser left to attend the BOS meeting at 8:12 pm and returned at 8:13 pm.

Mr. Lesser left to attend the BOS meeting at 9:01 pm and returned at 9:12 pm.

Mr. Dowse left the meeting at 9:01 pm.

Guests:

Ms. Sarah Donahue, Carol McGarry, Mr. Byron Andrews, Mr. David Burke, Ms. Joyce Hastings

Mr. Lesser called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Mr. Lesser asked for any items not reasonably anticipated within 48 hours of the meeting. There were none.

Determinations

14 Farm Road - Proposal for demolition of house and construction of new single family dwelling

No one was present to represent the applicant. The Agent recommended a Negative Determination (Negative 1, Negative 4, Negative 6) and a Positive Determination (Positive 2B). Mr. Lesser moved to accept the Agent's recommendation. Ms. Pettit seconded and it was voted to approve 5-0.

51 Whitney Street - Proposal for in ground pool with fencing and cabana

No one was present to represent the Applicant. The Agent presented the proposal for the installation of an in-ground pool with fencing and cabana. The Agent recommended a Negative Determination (Negative 1, Negative 4, Negative 6). The Agent also stated that the area for construction is within Estimated and Priority Habitat under the Natural Heritage Program and will be noted in the filing. Mr. Lesser moved to issue a Negative Determination (Negative 1, Negative 4, Negative 6). Mr. McClintock seconded and it was voted to approve 5-0.

Lake Street Map 11 Lot 69 D - Proposal for construction of new single family dwelling, driveway, utilities and landscaping

No one was present to represent the applicant. The Agent presented the proposal for construction of new single family dwelling, driveway, utilities and landscaping. The Agent recommended a Negative Determination (Negative 1, Negative 4, Negative 6) and Positive 2B Determination. Mr. Lesser moved to accept the Agent's recommendation. Mr. McClintock seconded and it was voted to approve 5-0.

South Main Street Map 11 Lot 137A (continued 8/21/14) - Proposal for construction of single family dwelling, utilities, landscaping and driveway [70 South Main Street]

Mr. Byron Andrews (Engineer) and Mr. David Burke (Wetlands Scientist) presented the proposal for construction of single family dwelling, utilities (septic and well), landscaping and driveway. The Agent reported that during her site visit she discovers an intermittent stream which begins on an abutting property and has been flagged. The Agent reported that she did not have permission to inspect the adjacent property and therefore did not investigate further. Mr. Burke did not believe that this resource met the standards for an intermittent stream under the WPA Regulations 310 CMR 10.00. The Agent thought that it possibly did and needed to be further reviewed. The representatives, Mr. Andrew and Mr. Burke, agreed that this area could be marked as a wetlands resource with a 100' buffer zone. The Commission discussed the parts of the project that would then fall within the Commission's jurisdiction, which were the well and portions of the driveway. Mr. Lesser stated that if this was the only work taking place in Commission jurisdiction and was within the outer buffer zone 50'-100', then he thought that this work could be undertaken without adverse impact on the wetlands resource during construction and with some restoration of disturbed areas. The Commission asked the Agent about recommended standards for undertaking well drilling in the buffer zone. The Agent read the standard conditions for a Negative 3 Determination. The representative marked a limit of work on the plan. The catchment area for the proposed well was drawn on the plan. The Agent recommended a Negative 3 Determination and a Positive 2B Determination. Mr. Lesser moved to accept the Agent's recommendation. Mr. Dowse seconded and it was voted to approve 5-0.

Certificate of Compliance**25 Cider Hill Lane - Request for Certificate of Compliance for DEP # 283-119, 283-72, 283-83-87**

No one was present to represent the Applicant. The Agent presented the request for Certificate of Compliance. Mr. Dowse moved to grant a Certificate of Compliance for Order of Conditions DEP # 283-119, 283-72, and 283-83-87. Ms. Stiller seconded and it was voted to approve 5-0.

Public Hearings**Public Hearing #1 - (Continued from 7/17/14 meeting) 2-4 North Main Street SLB-15-02 for a proposal to construct age restricted units, grading and landscaping, and well water line**

Mr. Lesser opened the hearing at 7:31 pm. The awaited technical review was not yet available. Mr. Lesser moved to continue the hearing to 7:30 pm on September 18, 2014. Ms. Stiller seconded and it was voted to approve 5-0.

Public Hearing #2 - 58 Everett Street proposal for installation of septic system

Ms. Joyce Hastings of GLM Engineering presented as the Applicants representative. She presented the proposal for installation of septic system in the buffer zone. She explained that the system would be placed in almost the exact location as the old system and that this system was an alternative system, which would not require a grade change. The system was to be placed in existing lawn. The Agent stated that she agreed with most of the wetland flags and stated that the following flags are not approved: 14-3, 14-4. She noted that burning has been taking place within the 0-50' buffer zone and she reported that it was discussed with the homeowner that there is no burning within buffer zone as stated on the permit from the Fire Department. The Commission discussed possible effects to the wetlands resources and the erosion controls on the plan. Mr. Lesser asked for public input, there was none.

Mr. Dowse stated that his brother is an abutter and he will abstain from voting. Mr. Lesser moved to close the hearing. Mr. McClintock seconded and it was voted to approve 4-0-1, Mr. Dowse abstaining.

Mr. Lesser read the findings of the Commission. The Agent reviewed the proposed conditions of the project. Mr. Lesser moved to approve the project. Mr. McClintock seconded and it was voted to approve 4-0-1, Mr. Dowse abstaining.

Discussions**Discussion #1 - BOS meeting attendance**

Mr. Lesser attended the BOS meeting

Discussion #2 - Update on staffing and budget

An update was given about possible candidates for the Administrative Assistant for the Commission.

Possible times for scheduling interviews were discussed. A list of interview questions was discussed.

Approval of Meeting Minutes 5/15/14, 6/5/15, 6/25/14

The approval of Meeting Minutes was postponed to the next meeting.

Conservation Administrator/Agent Report

- **Conservation Land Maintenance** - The Agent provided a brief update on mowing regime for all properties that were mowed.
- **Beavers permit/issues** - This was postponed to the next meeting.
- **Forestry Grant projects** - The flyer for Forestry Sustainability Saw Mill Demonstration was discussed and some changes suggested.

Mr. McClintock moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Stiller seconded and it was voted to approve 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Browning Mitchell
Minutes Clerk

Documents Presented at the September 4, 2014 Public Meeting

All documents shall be kept in the Conservation Commission Office files.

Determinations

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- Plan titled, "Conservation Plan"

Public Hearings

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- Notice of Intent filed on 8/15/2014
- Plans titled "Proposed Sewage Disposal System"

Conservation Administrator/Agent Report

- **Forestry Grant projects** - Flyer for Forestry Sustainability Saw Mill Demonstration draft

Cc: Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, Planning Board, Building Dept., Town Clerk, Town Forest, Town Counsel, Sherborn Library, Advisory Committee, D/S Press, Zoning Board of Appeals, Sherborn Garden Club, Forest & Trail Assoc., Assessor, Groundwater Protection Committee, Farm Pond Advisory Committee