

Conservation Commission



19 WASHINGTON STREET
SHERBORN, MASSACHUSETTS 01770

June 4, 2015

Sherborn Town Hall

7:00 P.M.

Minutes of the Meeting

Members and Staff Present: Steve Gaskin, Michael Lesser, Carol McGarry, Jessica Pettit, Andrea Stiller, Bridget Graziano (Conservation Agent/Administrator), Kaitlyn Kutzer (Administrative Assistant)

Members Absent: Alex Dowse, Kelly McClintock

Guests: Margaret Briggs, Joe Fiorentino, Neil Kessler, Peter Liffiton, Jim McAvoy, Joe Marquedant, Susan Tyler

Mr. Gaskin called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm.

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

Determinations

15 Cider Hill Lane - Proposal to construct a new 14' X 18' deck

The representative Mr. Fiorentino and applicant Ms. Briggs were present. Mr. Fiorentino presented the proposed work to the commission. The Agent stated that the proposed work was found to be within the 61'-100' buffer zone of the Bordering Vegetative Wetland (BVW) found on the site that was altered buffer - lawn. The Agent then recommended a Positive 2B, 5 and Negative 3 Determination with conditions. Mr. Gaskin moved for a Positive 2B, 5 and Negative 3 Determination with conditions. Ms. Pettit seconded and it was voted to approve 4-0.

Map 2 Lot 17 Harrington Ridge Road - Proposal to verify wetland delineation

The representative Mr. Marquedant was present to represent the applicant. He stated that the applicant was unsuccessful in previous soil testing and would like to explore alternate soil testing locations. He also stated that the applicant had the wetlands delineated by a consultant for this purpose. The Agent stated that she did not agree with some of the flags and some were missing. The Agent also stated that there were unapproved stockpiles of soil and other material found on the site as well as a second driveway that was established without approval.

The applicant asked for a recommendation on how to proceed and the Agent stated a formal ANRAD must be submitted to more accurately determine the wetlands. The Agent recommended a Positive 2B, 4 and 5 Determination. Mr. Gaskin moved to not permit the proposed work with a Positive 2B, 4 and 5 Determination. Ms. McGarry seconded and it was voted to approve 4-0.

136 Western Avenue - Proposal to construct new septic system

The applicant Mr. McAvoy was present. The Agent stated BVW was found on the site and that the proposed work was outside of the 100' buffer zone but access would be in the 5'-10' buffer through the use of an existing dirt driveway. The Agent stated that she had spoken with the engineer who agreed to use erosion controls along the dirt driveway and at the limit of work because of the proximity to the buffer zone. The Agent recommended a Positive 2B, 5 and Negative 3 Determination with conditions. Mr. Gaskin moved for a Positive 2B, 5 and Negative 3 Determination with conditions. Ms. Pettit seconded and it was voted to approve 4-0.

Discussions

Discussion #1- Barber Reservation/Hopestill Reservation Maintenance and Forestry Work

The Agent stated that the contractor had completed the clearing along the rock walls at Barber Reservation. She stated that she plans to consult with Randy Prostack for recommendations of plant species to use for over-seeding the areas that have been cleared. The Agent then stated that half of Hopestill Reservation was mowed by Laurie Woodward and she plans to ask her to do the other half because of Richard Robinson's tractor problems. She also noted that the DCR grant will be completed by June 30th for reimbursement. The Agent lastly noted that she plans to schedule a site visit with Mike Downy. Ms. McGarry recommended holding a volunteer day to further remove invasive species. The Commission agreed that this could occur on Saturday, June 20th.

Discussion #2 - Review letter from Sherborn Residents on "The Fields at Sherborn"

Ms. McGarry stated that she was made aware of communication between residents that expressed concern regarding the 40B plan known as "The Fields at Sherborn". The concerns consisted of the possible environmental impacts, strain on the water table, and the shared septic system that has been proposed. Ms. McGarry stated she was bringing these concerns to the Commission to make them aware. Mr. Liffiton stated that a number of the points made in the email are not accurate.

Ms. Stiller arrived at 8:18

Ms. Stiller stated that she had concerns about impacts on groundwater and on drinking water quality and/or quantity for existing residences and for the project's new residences.

Mr. Gaskin stated that during the Commission's review process, consultants and engineers would be enlisted and these issues will be considered as they pertain to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

Discussion #3 – FY 15 Budget Review and Wrap Up

Mr. Lesser stated that the salary budget would not be fully expended due to the lower costs during the staffing change transition. He also stated that non-salary expenses were in line with the budget.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes from 5/7/15 Mr. Gaskin moved to accept the minutes as amended. Mr. Lesser seconded and it was voted to approve 4-0.

Minutes from 5/21/15 Mr. Gaskin moved to accept the minutes as amended. Mr. Lesser seconded and it was voted to approve 3-0-1, with Ms. Pettit abstaining.

Conservation Administrator/Agent Report

Administrative Approvals (proposed work outside Commission jurisdiction)

- **78 Harrington Ridge Road** - Proposal to perform soil testing - Approved (wetlands present).
- **82 Prospect Street** – Proposal to perform soil testing - Approved (wetlands present).
- **41 North Main Street** – Proposal to perform percolation testing - Approved, wetlands present
- **58 Mill Street** – Proposal to replace Distribution Box with access via existing driveway in buffer - Approved because it is a small project and no erosion controls needed.

The Agent stated that Chris Tullman had requested a site visit to address a proposal to create a work-around for the Pine Hill Trails in the Town Forest where there is a possible vernal pool. The Agent stated she recommended that an RDA be submitted for this work.

Mr. Gaskin moved to adjourn. Ms. McGarry seconded and it was voted to approve 4-0. The meeting was voted to adjourn at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaitlyn Kutzer

Documents Presented at the June 4, 2015 Public Meeting

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

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- Email by Carol McGarry, Addie Mae Weiss, Chee-Chong Tai, titled "Fields of Sherborn – 40B" dated May 26, 2015 and forwarded May 30, 2015
- Attachment from email titled, "40B Plan, Action Plan for the Community to Deal with 40B Comprehensive Permit Applications" by J. Marlin Hawthorne Esquire, dated July 10, 2007

Discussion #3 – FY 15 Budget Review and Wrap Up

- "Draft Budget Overview", by Kaitlyn Kutzer dated June 2, 2015.

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