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BOARD: Conservation Commission
TOPIC: Monthly Meeting
MEETING DATE: September 9, 2020
MEETING PLACE: Town Hall Meeting Hall & Zoom Meeting
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Dempsey, S. Bartelt, J. Gebauer, T. Schaefer
T. Grim, W. Formosi
MEMBERS ABSENT: F. O'Connor
CONSERVATION AGENT: R. Decie
GUESTS: None

Dempsey motioned to open the meeting at 7:04 p.m. Formosi seconds the motion.
Voted: 5-0.

268 Washington St.

Someone called DEP about activity in this area. Decie rode by and Dempsey and Bartelt picked up and followed through with it. DEP wanted Dempsey to bring enforcement to the landowner, Steve Coppola. Coppola can either apply for an NOI or a restoration plan. The land is used for agricultural farm and flowers are grown and cut for sale. Coppola said there is a piece of land adjacent from his barn. He has cleaned up the debris. He has lined the stream with boulders. He brought in gravel and sand and then put lawn down and seeded the area. He said he brought in four truckloads of gravel. The stream is an intermittent stream. He replaced a small bridge on the land and he also put in a culvert. Schaefer asked if there was an existing culvert.

Bartelt mentioned that he put in loam and grass and would that be considered agricultural. He also built a bridge and the culvert.

Dempsey asked if this is something that we should have allowed. Gebauer mentioned the gravel that was put in.

Formosi asked how many trees were cut down. Coppola said that they were two trees that were taken down.

Schaefer said he would have been allowed to do this if he came in front of the commission, since the homeowner said there was an existing bridge which had deteriorated and the commission has allowed other stream crossing with the proper filing.

Formosi agreed with Schaefer, but disagreed on the placement of loam and putting in the new grass.

Dempsey said the biggest concern would be the 25 foot buffer. We could ask him about putting in plantings by the buffer zone.

The commissioners want plantings and some markers put in and want the 25 foot buffer to be restored. They would also like an NOI to be filed.

Dempsey motioned to ask Mr. Coppola for a GNOI filing ASAP. Grim seconds the motion. Voted: 6-0.

Dempsey asked if he could put in some erosion controls also.

Dempsey motioned to open the hearing section part of the meeting at 7:28p.m. Bartelt seconds. Voted: 6-0.

6 Governors Rd.

John Tilton is the engineer on this property. There is an existing dwelling and they would like to change the house into a duplex (80 x 30). They are proposing a deck off the back of the duplex. Grading the land and part of the work is located on the right hand corner of the buffer zone.

Is the deck proposed within 100 foot buffer zone?

Schaeffer is asked if the house and deck are within the 75 foot buffer zone.

Tilton said that they have to grade down further, but it is away from the buffer zone. The septic system will be added but it will not be connected to the existing septic system.

Bartelt motioned to accept a plan for 6 Governors Rd. for the duplex as submitted. Grim would like a final updated plan with the deck included. Grim seconds the motion. Voted:

6-0.

178 Main St.

Gebauer moves to continue the hearing for 178 Main St. to October 14.
Grim seconds voted 6-0.

104 King St.

Bartelt gave a brief summary of the property. We received a report from DEP. The report notes the filing of the wetlands. The wetlands scientist stated there were some alterations in the report. Dempsey is contending that some of the abutters complained to the DEP and a letter from a peer reviewer was done. Dempsey asked Mr. Fiore's attorney if there were any permits taken out to do this work and if he had any answers. His attorney responded they did not have ample time to prepare for this meeting and asked if the information could be sent to him for review. We will send the information to Mr. Fiore's attorney.

38 Benjamin St.

Dena Dehulla said there was an access made so a logging machine could be brought back behind the property. Dempsey said a small modification will be made to the order of conditions so equipment can access the area. There was one tree that was taken down. The road will not be used ever again.

Gebauer motioned to allow the modification for 38 Benjamin Rd. to allow the construction removal of the road that brushes up against the restricted area and that Bill Holt drafted the plan dated August 31, 2020 showing the tree that was removed. Grim seconds the motion. Voted: 6-0.

Grim motioned to close the hearing part of the meeting at 8:04p.m. Gebauer seconds the motion. Voted: 6-0.

Open Discussion

178 Main St.

Dempsey would like to file a NOI. We want to re-open the hearing and let the applicant know it is in our jurisdiction and layout the information for him.

Grim motioned to re-open RDA/GRDA for 178 Main St.
Bartelt seconds the motion. Voted: 6-0.

The applicant would like to bring in fill. We will ask him to file a GNOI if it is within the

50 feet zone. We are giving him a positive determination.

Gebauer motions for a positive determination for GRDA /NOI and asks him for a scope of work. The work he is doing will require a NOI or GNOI.

Grim seconds the motion. Voted: 6-0.

Grim motions to close the hearing portion of the meeting at 8:22 PM. Gebauer seconds the motion. Voted: 6-0.

Minutes

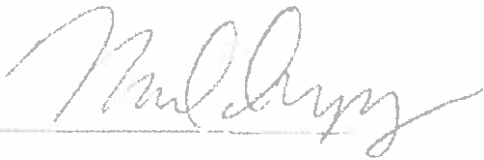
Schaefer motions to except the minutes as submitted for the month of July. Grim seconds the motion. Voted: 4-0-2. Formosi and Grim abstain.


Dempsey and Bartelt said there are 3 enforcement issues. They are 104 King St., 6 King St. and 268 Washington St.

Grim motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:43p.m.

Gebauer seconds the motion. Voted: 6-0.

The next meeting is October 14, 2020.





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