

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

March 16, 2005

Approved April 20, 2005

Present: Charlie Schmitt, Phil Grant, Pat Cote, Cindi Connors and Scott Rumprik.

Absent: Candace Keddy

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Charlie Schmitt. Letter to Selectmen requesting hiring of Judy Mikkola for the clerk's position was read.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted with the following modification: Shadow Woods: Pat Cote has asked Pete Levesque of Pioneer Environmental if a bridge could be constructed but Mr. Levesque responded that it would not be economically feasible. Charlie Schmitt made motion to accept for review the driveway as specified on plan. Phil Grant seconded. Voted 3-0 in favor. Voting yes: Charlie Schmitt, Philip Grant, Pat Cote.

Voting no: none

Charlie Schmitt reported that a letter requesting Cindi Connors appointment to the Commission has been submitted, formal appointment will be made by the Selectmen at their meeting.

Charlie Schmitt has written the Commission's report for the annual Town Report and will submit to the Selectmen.

National Heritage and the DEP have not responded to Pete Levesque in regards to the proposed Shadow Woods development. At Pioneers request, Conservation Commission will hold off hiring a consultant until further details are known from National Heritage Foundation.

Hampden Land Trust: Phil Grant will send letter to Selectmen asking what the Commission's responsibilities are for managing the Trust and what funds are available for it's management.

Charlie Schmitt reported that he has been in contact with Mr. Bertune in regards to the changes he wants to make in making a solarium into an addition. Mr. Schmitt informed Mr. Bertune that boundaries need to be flagged before any determinations can be made and that the absolute minimum boundary is 25 feet.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from Michael Mocko stating that revisions have been made to plans for the Hermanet property in response to concerns from the National Heritage Foundation.

Letter from Michael Gerrard stating the \$90 bond paid to Tighe & Bond should have been paid by Russell Morton. Mr. Morton has been notified of this liability. He also requested an update on Grant's property. Pat Cote will notify Mr. Gerrard that it has been turned over to the DEP and Commission is awaiting their reply.

Gary Weiner reports that Green Meadows work will start next week. Pat Cote to do site vitist.

The new circuit rider for the DEP is Mark Stenson. Pat Cote to invite him to come to the next meeting.

Cindi Connors timesheet was approved and she will submit to the Treasurer and Accountant.

7:30 pm – Alan Fritts, 135 Glendale Road- reopen public meeting – Mr. Fritts has requested permission to build garage. Charlie Schmitt reported that he did site visit on March 2, 2005 and his report was read and filed. Questions regarding drainage off garage roof and if the National Heritage needed to be notified were addressed.

MOTION: Charlie Schmitt made motion that there be a Non-Significance finding on this request. Second by Phil Grant. Motion approved with 2 yes and 1 abstention. Voting yes: Charlie Schmitt and Phil Grant. Abstaining- Pat Cote. Conditions: hay bales are to be put down prior to excavating, construction and backfilling.

MOTION: Charlie Schmitt made motion to allow Mr. Fritts to begin construction. Second by Phil Grant. Motion approved. Approved 3-0. Voting yes: Charlie Schmitt, Phil Grant and Pat Cote. Voting no- none

MOTION: Pat Cote made motion that Conservation Commission be notified when hay bales are in place. Second by Charlie Schmitt. Motion approved 3-0. Voting yes: Charlie Schmitt, Phil Grant and Pat Cote. Voting no: none. Charlie moves to close meeting. All approved.

7:45 pm – Mary Lyons Nursing Home: Vote 3-0 to reopen meeting. Tighe & Bond representative Tracy Adamski & Commission members read and reviewed Gary Weiner's report. All concerns in report will be included in Order of Conditions. Site development plan reviewed. Conditions for plan acceptance:

1. Proposed rear porch no closer that 50' to the top of river bank
2. Tighe & Bond to submit operation and maintenance plan of septic system
3. A snow stock pile plan
4. Roof leaders directed away to green space
5. Tighe & Bond to provide detailed plan and specs for runoff

MOTION: Charlie Schmitt made motion and second by Phil Grant to accept plan subject to the approval of provisions. Motion approved 3-0. Voting yes: Charlie Schmitt, Phil Grant & Pat Cote. Voting no: none. Motion to continue meeting at Commission's next monthly meeting made by Charlie Schmitt and second by Pat Cote. Motion approved 3-0.

8:15 pm – Hermanet, Mike Mocko: Motion made to reopen meeting by Charlie Schmitt, second by Phil Grant. Motion approved 3-0. Mr. Mocko reported at all on Nancy Putnam's concerns have been adequately addressed and answers have been sent to Nancy. They are awaiting her reply. Meeting closed. Approved 3-0.

8:30 pm – Wolcott property application. The two problems have been taken care of as follows:

1. The survey of the wetlands and flags has been completed.
2. All work is outside the 100 foot buffer zone.

MOTION: Charlie Schmitt made motion and second by Phil Grant that this plan be given Negative Determination, without conditions, as it is outside o f Hampden Conservation

Commission jurisdiction. Motion approved 3-0. Voting yes: Charlie Schmitt, Phil Grant and Pat Cote. Copy of determination to be sent to Steven Lynch, 121 Maclean Parkway, Ludlow, MA 01056. Candace is requested to notify neighbor of determination and that it doesn't require a public notice as all work is outside buffer zone. Meeting closed.

Charlie Schmitt excuses himself from remainder of meeting.

9:00 pm – Russell Morton and Pete Levesque provided very preliminary information on a proposed housing development plan for people 55 years or older. Some of the information Conservation Commission needs is: septic system design, traffic flow, setback requirements, screens & buffers and population density numbers.

Motion made to adjourn meeting. Approved 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.