

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
November 16, 2005

Minutes approved on December 21, 2005

Present: Charlie Schmitt, Phil Grant, Bonnie Geromini and Jeff Liquori

Meeting opened at 7:10 p.m. by Charlie Schmitt.

Minutes of the October meeting were approved unanimously.

Phil Grant to look into whether or not commission members need to be at all meetings pertaining to an issue in order to vote. Bonnie Geromini stated a member needs to do a site visit on the project in order to vote.

A discussion regarding Tall Pines included a brief update of the status of the project. Charlie Schmitt reported the DEP has asked applicant to change driveway from Allen Street to Stony Hill Road. If this change is made, and they are able to stay 100' away from the vernal pool, then this project may be outside the Conservation Commission's jurisdiction.

Frank Watson voiced concern regarding the possibility of the builder defoliating the new area as they did on Allen Street and the possibility of it devaluing his home. He stated that a member of the Commission had given the okay to cut the trees on driveway off Allen Street.

Charlie Schmitt stated that this was not correct and that the Commission member had gone to the site to check on things after receiving a call from Mr. Phelps. Charlie followed up on it and asked them to stop the cutting of any further trees. Charlie also stated that the contractor cutting the trees stated he did not know he was violating any rules and stopped cutting immediately when it was brought to his attention.

Charlie Schmitt stated that he did not think this would happen on Stony Hill Road.

Charlie Schmitt reported that Southwood residents have been asked to put some of their land into Conservation Land. Jane Wyman brought in a map of the area to show the Commission. Southwood residents did vote to give the land as Conservation land.

PUBLIC MEETING – REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL – 123 SOUTH ROAD

7:30 – Phil Grant recused himself. Phil Grant requests he be given permission to repair storm damage to bank of stream on his property. He would like to do this job as soon as possible. Charlie Schmitt made motion to recommend a Negative Determination with conditions. Second by Jeff Liquori. Motion approved. VOTING YES: Charlie Schmitt, Jeff Liquori and Bonnie Geromini. VOTING NO: none

CONDITIONS:

- (1) Reconstruction will be limited to exhibit and only work as described on the original RFD will be done.
- (2) Stream side rock will be replaced with existing boulders and then back filled behind that with gradual progressively finer stone, with no infringement of stream bank.
- (3) Any operation of heavy machinery and trucks will be under taken so not to increase sedimentation in stream.
- (4) If equipment is stored overnight, storage material needs to be kept 100' away from stream or protected by hay bales.

Public meeting closed.

Other storm damage issues: Bill Bond, Main Street has damage on his property along the Scantic River. He would like to reconstruct the bank as best as possible. Charlie Schmitt has given him a RFD and asked him to bring in any deed details he has. A site visit will be done on Saturday, Nov. 19th.

Jeffrey Polep, Thresher Road- Storm has taken out access bridge to his home across stream. Kudlic Bros. provided temporary access to home. Site visit to be done on Saturday, Nov. 19th.

PUBLIC MEETING – CONTINUATION OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL – 300 GLENDALE ROAD

7:45 p.m. - Phil Grant recused himself. Kim Desmarais is requesting the cutting of some trees within 100' of a stream. Purpose for the cutting is that the trees are hanging over a pool. Site visit was done on

October 22nd. Charlie Schmitt made motion to recommend a Negative Determination with condition. Second by Bonnie Geromini. Motion approved. VOTING YES: Charlie Schmitt, Bonnie Geromini and Jeff Liquori. VOTING NO: none

CONDITIONS:

- (1) Cutting is limited to 25' of rear fence of pool
- (2) No cutting be done within the 25' no disturb zone

Public meeting closed.

PUBLIC MEETING – REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL- HOWLETT HILL ROAD

8:00 p.m. – Travis Kuffel- Requesting permission to build a single home on 3 acre parcel. Bonnie Geromini reported that she has gone out as a member of the Ridgeline/Hillside Committee and that the proposal is well outside the Conservation Commission jurisdiction. The property is owned by Mr. Kuffel's grandfather and has not been subdivided. They are working on having this done. There is a significant issue with the cutting of trees being done by the grandfather. A site visit for the Conservation Commission will take place on Saturday, Nov. 19th at 8:30 a.m. Continuation until next regular meeting of Commission at which time Mr. Kuffel to bring in plan.

Dennis Hackett, Stafford Hill Rd. voiced concern regarding the runoff coming onto his property from the house building on Howlett Hill Rd. He is looking for some kind of storm drain to take the water before it gets to his property. Charlie Schmitt suggested he start with the Selectmen and it may be a Planning Board issue as well.

Charlie Schmitt presented a revised plan for a garage to be added to 131 Stony Hill Road. There are no substantive changes so the Commission can amend the existing Order of Conditions. Charlie Schmitt made motion to amend Order of Conditions to refer to revised plan dated 11/15/05. Motion second by Jeff Liquori. Motion approved. VOTING YES: Charlie Schmitt, Phil Grant, Bonnie Geromini and Jeff Liquori. VOTING NO: none

PUBLIC HEARING – NOTICE OF INTENT- MOUNTAIN ROAD

8:30 p.m. Heather Stavros from Pioneer Environmental presented information for Paul Ostriakis on proposal to construct driveway within the 100-foot buffer zone of a BVW for access to a single-family home. The site consists of an 8.005-acre parcel of land. There are two separate wetland areas on –site. These are small and have been delineated with blue flags and depicted on the site plan. This wetland received runoff from surrounding land and is connected to an intermittent stream.

Charlie Schmitt questioned the placement of culverts. A plan depicting the placement of the two 12" culverts was provided. The driveway will be a gravel driveway approx. 1000 feet long. Two areas of the driveway are proposed within the 100 foot buffer zone but outside of the 25-foot no-disturb zone. The buffer shall be protected by an erosion control barrier consisting of entrenched haybales and siltation fence. Erosion control barriers will remain in place until approval from Commission to remove them has been obtained.

The DEP has no outstanding comment.

NOTE: An addition to application of drawing titled: Site Plan- Driveway Plan and Profile dated 9/02/05 and drawn by Civil Engineering Associates.

Charlie Schmitt made motion to approve plan with conditions. Second by Bonnie Geromini. All approved.

VOTING YES: Charlie Schmitt, Phil Grant, Jeff Liquori and Bonnie Geromini.

CONDITIONS:

- (1) Work will be done according to submitted plans dated 9/2/05 except with correction on Pg 2 of description of 1st culvert should be 12" instead of 2";
- (2) Proposed erosion deliniation;
- (3) Conservation Commission to be notified 48 hours prior to construction so Commission can check on erosion controls;
- (4) Setting of initial monument to permanent markers to be installed to keep away from the 25' no disturb zone;
- (5) Widen roadbed at driveway curve approximately 4-6' for an approximate distance of 50 feet.

Charlie Schmitt made motion that the proposed Order of Conditions be added to Notice of Intent and accepted.

Second by Jeff Liquori. All approved. VOTING YES: Charlie Schmitt, Phil Grant, Jeff Liquori and Bonnie Geromini. VOTING NO: none Public hearing closed.

42 Evergreen Terrace- Heather Stavros from Pioneer Environmental reported on completion of work for the Order of Conditions. Pictures of the work completed were provided.

Charlie Schmitt made motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance. Second by Bonnie Geromini. All approved.

VOTING YES: Charlie Schmitt, Phil Grant, Bonnie Geromini and Jeff Liquori. VOTING NO: none.

9:00 P.MAIN STREET – MIKE FORD- SEPTIC SYSTEM UPGRADE

Charlie Schmitt has spoken with Engineer, Mr. Cafferelli. He has stated that the septic system is in original site. New well will be 100 feet away from septic system. Septic system to be placed in flat area beyond retaining wall. Retaining wall is within 200 foot buffer and will be used for swirl. A silt fence will be used for work limits.

Charlie Schmitt made motion for Negative Determination with conditions. Second by Phil Grant. All approved.

VOTING YES: Charlie Schmitt, Phil Grant, Jeff Liquori and Bonnie Geromini.

CONDITIONS:

- (1) Work to be done according to design by Mr. Cafferelli of cross section of breakout wall and set graphic description of silt fence;
- (2) All work will conform to plans attached to this request;
- (3) No work shall be done within the 25 foot undisturb zone;
- (4) Conservation Commission to be notified 48 hours before work begins so that the Commission can check for silt fences.

Meeting closed.

Don Dorm- 45 Riverpark Drive- Mr. Dorm came in with concerns regarding ponding on his property. He feels this is happening due to raised septic system design of neighbor. Commission reviewed original plans and feels they have no jurisdiction in this matter.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Mikkola, Clerk