

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

February 15, 2006

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

Meeting was opened by Charlie Schmitt at 7:04 pm.

Minutes of the January meeting were reviewed and correction noted. Motion made by Charlie Schmitt and second by Pat Cote to approve minutes with correction of spelling of rip rap. Approved unanimously.

Richard and Denise Richard attended meeting for the purpose of having the Commission look over plans for building a single family home on Ames Road. Their main objective was to make sure all the i's were dotted and t's crossed. Although there are wetlands in some areas of Ames Road, this particular uphill site is okay. Mr. Richard stated he had spoken with Dana Pixley in regards to the size culvert he would need to put in. Plans are to use 40 feet of 15" pipe.

Pat Cote suggested they be careful about destroying too much of the natural materials as more natural the drainage the better it is.

After a review of the plans, Charlie Schmitt said it looked fine.

Russ Cable- South Road- Bonnie Geromini reported she has called Mr. Cable and left message regarding the cutting of trees in more areas than the Notice of Intent plan showed. Mr. Cable returned call and left message saying maybe he had cut more than what was on plan but stated he had spoken with Mark Feeney and John Flynn and was told it would be okay to take down a few more.

Bonnie Geromini spoke with John Flynn and was told he had spoken with Mr. Cable and that it might be okay to cut a **few** more trees. Bonnie also spoke with Mark Feeney and Mark said he did think more trees had been cut than what was on the Notice of Intent but he had not given Mr. Cable approval to do so.

Jeff Liquori stated drainage of driveway was never finalized. There are four or five spots on the left as you go up where there are breakouts and the water is going into the neighbor's yard. The water is coming down and following the hill and rock and not going into the drainage ditch as ditch is higher than driveway. Jeff also stated the hydraulics of the lot are important as there is a lot of groundwater on it.

There will be a site visit on the property with Gary Weiner, John Flynn, Pete Levesque and Conservation Commission members of Saturday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

Shadowoods- No further information other than there is a new owner and the property is totally within a wildlife polygon.

Tall Pines- Charlie Schmitt reported they have submitted an application of Environmental Notification to the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs and a site visit has been planned by the MEPA office for Friday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. Anyone wishing to comment of the project is invited to attend.

Bonnie Geromini stated that Pete Levesque has stated they are planning on replication of the area where the trees were cut at the entrance off Allen Street.

A Notice of Intent for Parcel 1, Thresher Road was received today from Jennifer Hickson for the purpose of building a single family home. A brief review of the plan was done. As this plan will need to be sent to Fish & Wildlife Natural Heritage first, the Commission would like them to file with Natural Heritage first.

Phil Grant made motion and second by Charlie Schmitt not to accept plan due to insufficient information. Approved unanimously. Voting yes: Charlie Schmitt, Phil Grant, Bonnie Geromini, Jeff Liquori and Pat Cote. Clerk to call Mike Mocko, Environmental Consultant of decision.

Mike Ford- Main Street- Charlie Schmitt reported on site visit to check on silt fences. He stated the fencing had been put in securely and a good job of holding it in place had been done. Charlie also stated there is all kinds of debris on the hillside. A letter will be sent advising Mr. Ford that the hillside needs to be cleaned up of debris before they ask Commission for permission to dismantle the silt fence.

Stan Witkop- Carmody Road- Charlie Schmitt and Jeff Liquori did a site visit to review damage done along Scantic river during the October storm. Mr. Witkop is asking permission to cut fallen trees that have been uprooted and leaning into Mr. Witkop's pasture. Approval was given to remove the trees.

Discussion followed as to the best procedure for applicants seeking building permits. It is imperative that building permits come to Conservation Commission. Jeff Liquori reported that some towns and cities have forms where every department has to sign off on a building permit. Bonnie Geromini suggested we have all departments get together with Mark Feeney and try to get a document together. Charlie will speak with John Flynn and Mark Feeney on Saturday about this issue. Pat Cote suggested that the Planning Board should not move on a permit until the Conservation Commission makes a decision.

Andrew Persaud- South Ridge Road- Mr. Persaud appeared before the Commission with a letter from contractor giving the timetable for corrective work to be done on property. However, he did not include a sketch of site where work needs to be done. Charlie said the Commission needs a sketch and that Mr. Persaud should keep timetable and submit it along with the sketch. Mr. Persaud said he would bring a plan in next week. Charlie also stated to restrict work until the Commission sees the plan.

Russell Morton- South Ridge- Carmine from the Forestry Program called Bonnie Geromini in regards to the clear cutting on Mr. Morton's house lots. Carmine state the clear cutting that has taken place was done by Mr. Morton and was not part of the Forestry plan. Pat Cote suggested the Planning Board should do some litigation in regards to the clear cutting.

8:50 pm- Charlie Schmitt made motion to close meeting, second by Phil Grant. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Mikkola, Clerk

Minutes approved on March 15, 2006