

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sarah Schlechter; Chair, Holly Charlesworth, Mary Francois (7:50 pm), Richard Albrecht, Abigail Squance

Also Present: Dr. Tom Failla, Conservation Planner and Tracy Kulikowski, Land Use Director

Ms. Schlechter called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS

9 Calvin Road, Quimi, Restoration [23-05]

50 Kettle Creek, Site Development [23-06]

18 Kellog, Garcia, Addition/Patio [23-07]

MOTION TO RECEIVE

Ms. Squance made a motion to receive the applications, seconded by Mr. Albrecht. All in favor, motion carried (4-0).

(Mary Francois joined 7:50pm)

(Holly Charlesworth left the meeting 7:50pm)

DISCUSSION/DECISION CONT'D: 82 NEWTOWN TURNPIKE, VENTURA, SEPTIC, EARTHWORK, DRIVEWAY, RETAINING WALLS, BRIDGE DECKING [22-20]

Aleksandra Moch, Wetland and Soil Scientist introduced her and showed her plans for the proposed wetland creation and compensatory storage area. Ms. Moch outlined the compensatory area to compensate for the filled area on the eastern side of the river. She outlined the wetland boundary and showed the existing conditions to be wooded and noted the invasive species along the edges of the pond. She noted the tree inventory of trees to be removed as well as the restoration plan for new native trees and shrubs. Excavator access will be provided by the existing driveway, with soil removal to take place between the existing trees, Ms. Moch confirmed the excavation will not exceed 24 inches deep, with any excess soil to be reused for the proposed driveway improvements.

Doug Reich, Landscape Architect with Fuller Engineering and Land Surveying introduced himself and showed the proposed new bridge. The bridge will be pressure treated wood with a set of stairs on each side; he noted they will reutilize the existing steel beams. He confirmed debris to be collected and removed from the site. Periodic inspections will take place during construction of the bridge by Fuller Engineering. Additional Discussion ensued on the repair work of the bridge abutments' to keep debris out of the water.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Ms. Schlechter made a motion to approve the proposed plan for 82 Newtown Turnpike prepared for Dan Venture by Fuller Engineering and Land Surveying on February 6, 2023 with a revision

date of March 14 2023, Improvement Location and Topographical Survey, Wetlands Remediation, pages C1.1, C1.2, C1.3, C4.1, C.4.2 as well as SR.1, SR2 and the Wetland Creation Planting Plan prepared by Alexandra Moch on March 19, with Standard Conditions A-G, with additional conditions

1. Update the plans to reflect installation of double silt fence
2. Routine inspections by Dr. Failla for the repair of the bridge abutments, with work to be done in late July, August September at low water to minimize the impact on watercourse.
3. For repair work be done in a manner preserves the river.

Mr. Albrecht seconded the motion, all in favor, the motion carried (4-0).

77 LORDS HIGHWAY, KELLER, GARAGE/APARTMENT/SEPTIC [23-02] Jim Jamieson, representing the applicant, outlined the proposed structure on the site plans. The proposal is for a one bedroom with a small septic system located down slope from the structure. Mr. Jamieson outlined the Stormwater retention system and indicated zero runoff from the project. He showed the nearby wetlands area to be located 90 feet away from the proposed project. He confirmed installation of the double silt fence with hay bales.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Ms. Francois made a motion to approve plans for 77 Lords Highway prepared by Grumman engineering LLC for Alex and Bonnie Keller dated January 26 2023, 1 page subject to standard conditions A-G and Ms. Squance seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (4-0).

29 WHITE BIRCH, POOL/PATIO [23-03]

Tessa Jucaite, P.E of TJ Engineering LLC, representing the property owners explained the proposed plan for patio reconstruction and the installation of a swimming pool. Ms. Jucaite showed the two acre property with a stream dividing the property in half, the proposal is to remove the current patio, as well as install a 18x35 pool. She noted the proposed rain garden for water to be collected and discharged on the lower edge of the property. She noted the measures to protect wetlands during construction and pointed out the location of double silt fence and filter sock. She referenced the sequencing and notes on the plans and outlined the construction entrance. Ms. Jucaite stated the corner of the pool to the wetland flag is 25 feet and indicated the limit of disturbance. Discussion Ensued.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Ms. Squance made a to approve application for swimming pool and patio 29 White Birch by Steve Day Engineering January 20 2023, drawings 2 of 2 with a revision date of March 19, 2023 subject to standard conditions A-G and Ms. Francois seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (4-0).

2 WOODLAND WAY, ASCHER, POND RESTORATION [23-04]

Jim McManus, JMM Wetland Consulting Services, representing the applicant, reviewed the previous delineated wetland boundary on the property and stated in January of 2023, he revisited and reflagged the wetland boundary. The plan is to restore the area by installing silt fencing as needed along the pond's edge, and removing stone and excess spoils from the southern side of the property. Any excess spoils will be used to top dress the planting area and front lawn with leftover taken off the property. Mr. McManus reviewed the planting plan of about 40 trees planted along the pond's edge, and explained any exposed soils to be seeded with a New England Wildlife Conservation Seed Mix. He indicated a spoils pile due to unpermitted work in the past to be removed and taken off property then use the undisturbed soil to determine the original grade of the property. Additional Discussion Ensued.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Ms. Squance made a motion to approve the application for 2 Woodland Way, Shawn and Louise Ascher, prepared by JMM Wetland Consulting Services, with Survey, Planting Plan, and the Survey, dated November 24, 2009, February 14 2012, February 9 2023 with a March 18, 2023 revision date, subject to Standard Conditions A-G with additional conditions that JMM Consulting supervise the project and provide updates to Tom Failla, Conservation Planner to inspect the project. Mr. Albrecht seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (4-0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes was continued to the next meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Ms. Schlechter made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Francois seconded. All in favor, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marina Zegarelli