

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sarah Schlechter, Holly Charlesworth, Kirby Brendsel, Abigail Squance, Richard Albrecht, Mary Francois (7:40)

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Ms. Charlesworth made a motion to elect Ms. Schlechter as Chair and Mr. Brendsel seconded. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

(Francois 7:40 pm)

Ms. Schlechter made a motion to elect Ms. Charlesworth as Vice-Chair and Mr. Albrecht seconded. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

RECEIPT OF APPLICATION

- 9 Deepwood Road, Rea, Fence [23-01]

MOTION FOR RECEIPT

Ms. Schlechter made a motion to receive the application of 9 Deepwood Road and Mr. Brendsel seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (6-0).

DISCUSSION/DECISION (CONTD): 51 OLD STAGECOACH, CAO/RANGANATHAN, TREE PLANTING/POND MAINTENANCE [22-17] Mr. Albrecht stated for the record, he is recusing himself from this matter. Ms. Schlechter noted she reviewed the discussion from the previous meeting when this matter was discussed.

Ms. Cao, Property Owner, reviewed the main scope of the project consisting of the planting of ten to twenty trees along the property line as well as regular landscaping maintenance. She noted the proposal from the Pond and Land Connection for treatment of the pond as well as their recommendation for a four (4) ft. buffer zone around the pond. Ms. Schlechter reviewed the current treatment plan for the pond that is not in the scope of this Commission as well as further reviewed the Commission's expectations for the regulated activity in the pond. Discussion ensued with the recommendation for the applicant to reach out to an expert in wetland management for an appropriate way to manage the pond long term as well as to create a plan to restore the work that was done in the wetlands.

Dr. Failla suggested that the applicant withdraw the application, and to further update plans to show the Commission's request and to resubmit for Receipt of Application at the April 20, 2023 Meeting. Dr. Failla confirmed no work is to take place until a permit is issued.

DISCUSSION/DECISION (CONTD) : 19 TALL PINES, SCHANZER, POOL, DRIVEWAY, TERRACES [22-19] 43.25 Bret Holzworth, P.E. introduced himself as well as Jay Fain, Soil Scientist, Glen Major, Attorney and Property Owner Jonathan Schanzer. Mr. Holzworth stated at

the previous meeting, there were several concerns of the proposed driveway's proximity to the wetlands. Mr. Holzworth showed revised plans with the revised driveway now 25 feet further from the wetlands; he showed the revised plans to include an added row of double silt fence with hay bales along the limit of disturbance. He outlined the revised Buffer Restoration Plan updated to reflect the proposed driveway further separated from the wetlands. Mr. Holzworth confirmed the revised application has zero impact to the wetlands with a decrease in impervious coverage.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Ms. Schlechter made a motion to approve the application for 19 Tall Pines, Pool, Driveway, Terraces dated January 12, 2023, Sediment and Erosion Control Plan prepared by Redniss and Mead, 3 pages, SE3 SE4 and Buffer Restoration Plan prepared by Jay Fain and Associates on January 9, 2023 and the Driveway Layout prepared by Redniss and Mead prepared January 4, 2023 and the Drainage Report dated January 9, 2023 by Redniss and Mead, subject to standard conditions A-G and Mr. Brendsel seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried (6-0).

Martha Deegan, neighbor, stated her concern of the removal of trees along the street. Ms. Schlechter confirmed the trees removed are not in the wetlands nor is the proposed driveway. The applicant will be installing a vegetated buffer along the edge of the wetland.

82 Newtown Turnpike, Ventura, Septic, Earthwork, Driveway, Retaining Walls, Bridge Decking [22-20] Aleksandra Mock, Environmental Consultant and Doug Reich, Landscape Architect introduced themselves to present the application. Ms. Mock showed a 3.32 acre site located on Newtown Turnpike, she outlined the wetland boundary and noted the changes to the boundary due to past work done in the wetland. Ms. Mock showed pictures of the wetlands on the southern side of the residence as well as on the northern side of the property with 550 sq. ft. of filled wetland area. Ms. Mock explained that the project proposes the installation of a new driveway and septic system; she noted the new bridge decking and plans to repair the existing stone wall. She showed trees that were removed and the Watercourse Buffer Restoration Plan. Ms. Mock showed a wetland creation opportunity to mitigate the lost wetland that would transition to the natural existing wetland.

Mr. Reich showed the area within the regulated floodway with seventy cubic yards of unpermitted fill. He noted the loss of storage on the west side of the river and proposed an updated survey with topo to determine proper elevation and flood storage areas.

41 Langner, Wilmore, In-ground Pool and Patio [22-21]

Natalie Wilmore, Property Owner showed the revised application to show the addition of the pool equipment location, the silt fence location and the proposed access way for construction vehicles. Ms. Mock explained due the location of the septic, the only suitable location for the access way is located directly adjacent to the wetlands. Additional discussion ensued on the proximity of the wetland to the construction access way. Following discussion, the applicant will

return next month with more detail on the pad for the pool equipment, additional patio detail as well as silt fence details.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Brendsel made a motion to approve the Minutes from the November 17, 2022 meeting and Ms. Squance seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (5-0).

Mr. Albrecht made a motion to approve the Minutes from the December 15, 2022 meeting and Ms. Francois seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried (3-0 with Ms. Schlechter and Mr. Brendsel abstaining).

Ms. Schlecher made a motion to approve the site walk notes from December 3, 2022 and Mr. Albrecht seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried (4-0 with Ms. Charlesworth abstain)

Mr. Albrecht made a motion to approve the January 7, 2023 site walk notes and Ms. Squance seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried (4-0 with Ms. Schlechter abstaining).

Meeting adjourn 9:40pm

Respectfully submitted,

Marina Zegarelli, Administrative Assistant