DATE APPROVED: Aug. 27, 2020

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES FOR JULY 23, 2020 PAGE #20-16

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman, Ted von Rosenvinge, Vice-Chairman, Sarah Schlechter, Mike Reiner, Ed Schwarz Jim Smith, Bob Turner, Holly Charlesworth

Also present: Tracy Kulikowski, Land Use Director, Dave Pattee, Conservation Planner

Mr. von Rosenvinve opened the virtual meeting at 7:35 p.m.

RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS

- Daniel Rosenberg & Cheryl Sokolow, 4 Tiffany Lane, rear deck
- Scott & Allison Lisbon (owners), Nazzaro, Inc. (agent) 301 Newtown Turnpike, pond restoration

MOTION TO RECEIVE

Mr. von Rosenvinge made a motion to receive the application for 4 Tiffany Lane, rear deck and Mr. Schwarz seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (7-0).

MOTION TO RECEIVE

Ms. Schlechter made a motion to receive the application for 301 Newtown Turnpike, pond restoration and Mr. Schwarz seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (7-0).

MOTION TO TABLE DISCUSSION

Mr. Smith made a motion to table the Discussion of 4 Tiffany Lane, detached two car garage & driveway extension and Mr. Schwarz seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (7-0).

<u>DISCUSSION/DECISION: NORMA & HARRY TOPALIAN, owners, 50 MERRY LANE,</u> ADDITION TO DWELLING, DRIVEWAY & RELATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS

Bryan Nesteriak, P.E., representing the owners, explained that the property is 2 acres adjacent to the Nature Preserve with a large marsh on the east side of the lot with only .5 acre of dry land. The house was built in the 1970s in the regulated area and they would like to build an addition to the back right side of the house for a larger kitchen, living room and deck. Mr. Nesteriak then described the project and how the wetlands would be protected and also enriched. He noted that they looked at alternatives, if they put the addition in the front, they run into the setback and on the side it would be too close to the septic system. He further noted that the reserve area can only be where it is, there is no other place to put it. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Schlechter then asked what the plan is to restore the wetland and Mr. Nesteriak stated that they are going to remove the lawn and invasive species. Mr. von Rosenvinge stated that there

was a lot of fill and questioned how removing invasive species restores anything. Discussion continued.

Following discussion, Mr. von Rosenvinge noted that some kind of restoration would be beneficial. The discussion was continued to the next meeting so the applicants can come back with a detailed plan on how they propose to restore the previously filled area.

<u>DISCUSSION/DECISION: ANDREW & AIMEE STUMM, 24 NORTH AVENUE, POOL & RELOCATE WATER DISCHARGE</u>

Dean Martin, P.E, representing the owners, stated that this is a 1.8 acre lot with an existing dwelling and indicated the wetlands area on the plan. He stated that they propose a 16 x 32 fiberglass pool in the northwest corner of the property. He noted that there is no pool patio proposed and the water softener system is currently located where the pool is situated. They propose to relocate the water softener discharge to the north of the pool, 75 feet from the well. Mr. Martin then stated that the pool is 23 feet from the flagged wetland line and the pool fence is a little closer and there will be buffer plantings planted on the downhill side of the fence to filter any runoff. He further noted that there will be a slight decrease in storm runoff in a 50 year storm. He indicated the location of the double silt fence with hay bales and discussion ensued regarding rotating the pool to see what the distance would be and what would fit. The discussion was continued to the next meeting.

<u>DISCUSSION/DECISION: SARGE & CAROLINE CARLSON, 23 MOUNTAINVIEW</u> DRIVE, POOL, RELOCATE SEPTIC & PUMP CHAMBER

Dean Martin, P.E., representing the owners, explained that the pool is up-gradient from the wetlands. He stated that it is a pretty flat area with an existing rain garden and stone wall along the western property line. They are proposing a fiberglass pool adjacent to the existing patio. They will have to relocate the existing septic tank and pump chamber to the south. Mr. Martin then explained that he looked at the storm water runoff which will not increase as they propose just a pool with no patio. Any runoff will be intercepted by the existing rain garden. He also noted that they provided a revised plan showing the replanting of the existing. Discussion ensued.

MOTION TO APPROVE

Mr. von Rosenvinge made a motion to approve the pool and relocation of the septic & pump chamber as shown on a plan prepared by Grumman Engineering dated 6/12/20 and revised 7/7/20, subject to Standard Conditions A-G; H. A plan to restore the rain garden is to be submitted to the Conservation Planner for review and approval; I. The Commission will maintain the right to inspect the rain garden every other years with a 5 days' notice; J. The plan is to be amended to show the pool at the existing grade but with minor grading. Mr. Schwarz seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried (7-0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schwarz made a motion to approve the Minutes from June 25, 2020 and Ms. Schlechter seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (7-0).

OTHER BUSINESS

Tracking System:

Mr. Pattee presented his spreadsheet and discussed the process.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Smith made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Schwarz seconded. All in favor, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Delana Lustberg Recording Secretary