

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES FOR AUGUST 27, 2020 PAGE #20-19

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 Rosenvinge opened the virtual meeting at 7:35 p.m.

RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS

- Frank & Susan Vollrath (owners) Fred D'Amico (agent) 11 Tiffany Lane, 2 lot subdivision/re-subdivision
- Steven & Kathryn Knapp (owners) Mike Huminsky of ABC Septic (agent) 306 Lyons Plain Road, replace septic system for cottage
- Aspetuck Valley Country Club (owner) LandTech (agent) 67 Old Redding Road, fairway & hole improvements

MOTION TO RECEIVE

Mr. Reiner made a motion to receive the application for 11 Tiffany Lane, 2 lot subdivision, and Ms. Schlechter seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (7-0).

MOTION TO RECEIVE

Ms. Schlechter made a motion to receive the application for 306 Lyons Plain Road, septic system replacement, and Mr. von Rosenvinge seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (7-0).

MOTION TO RECEIVE

Mr. von Rosenvinge made a motion to receive the application for 67 Old Redding Road, Fairway & Hole improvements and Mr. Reiner seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (7-0).

DISCUSSION/DECISION: 4 TIFFANY LANE, REAR DECK

Mr. Rosenberg stated that he thought the deck was on the plans when the house was built and Mr. von Rosenvinge noted that the deck that was built was different than what was shown on the approved plans. He also noted that part of the approval was the construction of a rain garden that was intended to protect the wetlands. Discussion ensued.

Following discussion regarding wetlands protections measures, the matter was continued to the next month's meeting.

DISCUSSION/DECISION: ROSENBERG, 4 TIFFANY LANE, 2 CAR GARAGE & DRIVEWAY EXTENSION

Mr. Rosenberg explained that the proposal is a 2 car garage with a small turnaround. There is a large rock outcropping that they plan to leave in place and plan to protect the wetlands with a double silt fence/hay bale barrier to be installed before they start construction. Discussion ensued.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Mr. von Rosenvinge made a motion to approve the application for Rosenberg, 4 Tiffany Lane for a detached garage as shown on a plan prepared by HK Associates, PE dated 7/10/2020, subject to the Standard Conditions A-G, and H. The plan shall be modified to show the double lined silt fence, and I. No work shall proceed until the Conservation Planner has confirmed that all silt fence requirements are in place. Ms. Charlesworth seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried (7-0).

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

Bryan Nesteriak P.E. came forward and stated that after the discussion last month, they brought in JimMcManus, wetland scientist, and came up with a plan that increases the amount of buffer plantings and the location of the plantings. He stated that they could also add some boulders to create a demarcation line. Discussion ensued. Following discussion a motion was made.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Reiner made a motion to approve the plans for Topalian, 50 Merry Lane, for an addition as shown on plans prepared by B&B Engineering dated 3/2/20 and revised 8/10/2020 subject to Standard Conditions A-G and H. The double row hay bale silt fence detail needs to be added to the plan. Mr. von Rosenvinge seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried (7-0).

DISCUSSION/DECISION: JONATHAN ROGERS, 142 STEEPHILL ROAD, SINGLE FAMILY HOME, WIDEN DRIVEWAY EXTEND CULVERT AND RELATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS

Jon Rogers explained the changes to the plan, noting that at the front part of the driveway they added a cultek system to handle the runoff from driveway. He explained that the wetlands are on the neighboring property, and when he got buyers for the property and they wanted to enlarge the house, it then triggered the review area. They are now about 70 feet from that little wetlands pocket. Mr. Reiner noted that fill had been used for the driveway and questioned its origin and Mr. Rogers explained that it came from the neighboring property that he is also developing and acknowledges that some filling of the wetlands had occurred without his knowledge. Discussion ensued. Following discussion the Commission set a Special Meeting to continue discussion to Thursday September 3, 2020.

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

Dean Martin, P.E. noted that at the last meeting the Commission wanted to see an alternate plan, turning the pool and moving further away from the wetlands. He submitted a revised plan

showing the same pool size but rotated so there is now 38 feet to the wetlands versus 23 feet. He indicated where the water softener discharge is located.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Mr. von Rosenvinge made a motion to approve the application for Stumm, 24 North Avenue for a pool as shown on the plan prepared by Grumman Engineering dated 6/19/20 and revised 7/24/20, subject to Standard Conditions A-G. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried (7-0).

DISCUSSION/DECISION: SCOTT & ALLISON LISBON, 301 NEWTOWN TURNPIKE, POND RESTORATION

Joe Nazzaro described how they plan to de-water the pond to do excavation and indicated the access for the trucks. They will be using a 50' long reach excavator and the soil removed will be trucked offsite. He stated that it is a very routine job and all the activity will just be in the area of the pond, there will be no other earth work on any part of the property. Discussion ensued.

Following discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Mr. von Rosenvinge made a motion to approve the application for Lisbon, 301 Newtown Turnpike for pond restoration based on a plan prepared by Nazzaro Inc. dated 7/13/2020, subject to Standard Conditions A-G and H. They will add a turbidity curtain in the outlet. Mr. Reiner seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (7-0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. von Rosenvinge made a motion to approve the Minutes from July 23, 2020 and Ms. Schlechter seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (7-0).

OTHER BUSINESS

Tracking System:

Mr. Pattee gave his update and noted that he will be retiring at the end of September.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Smith made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Schwarz seconded. All in favor, the meeting adjourned at 11:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Delana Lustberg
Recording Secretary