

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Ed Schwarz, Vice-Chairman Catherine Minter, Robert Turner (7:45), Michiel Zegers, James Smith, Ted von Rosenvinge and Sarah Schlechter

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Mr. Schwarz opened the January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Weston Conservation Commission at 7:30 p.m.

SET WALK DATE

There were no receipts so there will be no Walk Date.

DISCUSSION/DECISION: LETTER OF SUPPORT TO ASPETUCK LAND TRUST'S STATE OPEN SPACE GRANT APPLICATION TO PURCHASE OPEN SPACE LAND IN WESTON (D. BRANDT)

David Brandt, Executive Director of the Aspetuck Land Trust came forward and explained the Land Trust has an interest in preserving more open space on the border of Wilton and Weston. They are interested in land owned by the Belknap family which is a 38 acre parcel which connects to the Honey Hill Preserve. He indicated the location on the map noting that they want to preserve the areas of open space that are connecting. He also noted that the plan falls within the Town's plan of conservation. Aspetuck Land Trust is applying for a federal grant to support acquiring that 38 acre parcel and they need a letter of support from the Conservation Commission to go along with the grant application. Discussion ensued.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Zegers made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the letter of support and Ms. Minter seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (6-0).

DISCUSSION OF APPLICATION: SHANE, 37 HACKBERRY HILL ROAD, SWIMMING POOL

Chris Keeler, owner of Prospect Pools came forward and presented a revised plan for the Commission's review. He noted that the new plan shows that the pool is not in the wetlands and they moved it 14 ft. back from where it was proposed in the previous plan. Ms. Minter noted that the pool decking is right against the wetland line. Discussion ensued regarding moving it even further away from the wetlands.

Following discussion, Mr. Keeler further revised the plan moving the pool and deck 10 ft. away from that wetland line. He also explained that the surface drains are to the north exiting away from the wetlands to the corner and also indicated the silt fence location.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Schwarz made a motion to approve the application of Shane, 37 Hackberry Hill Road for a swimming pool as shown on drawings by Hammons, LLC dated 1/11/16 and further revised 1/21/16. Approval is subject to the Standard Conditions A-I and J. Surface drains are to be added around the decking heading away from wetlands. K. A final map is to be submitted to the Conservation Planner. Ms. Minter seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried (7-0).

DISCUSSION OF APPLICATION: WOLF, 11 HOMEWARD LANE, POND RESTORATION (NAZZARO)

Gene Nazaro came forward and presented the plan. He showed the access area and noted that all material excavated will be going off site. He indicated the small intermittent stream and explained that they will use a 2" submersible pump and pump the water around and back into the stream. Mr. Nazaro further explained that within the pond, any sediment laden water is to be pumped to a sediment sack and around that will be hay bales and filter fabric. He noted the work will be done with a long reach excavator and the pond will be about 4 ft. deep which is the original depth.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Zegers made a motion to approve the application of Wolf, 11 Homeward Lane for pond restoration as shown on a plan prepared by Nazzaro Brothers dated 1/21/16, subject to the Standard Conditions A-I. Mr. Schwarz. All in favor the motion carried (7-0).

DISCUSSION OF APPLICATION: ENGEN, 35 KELLOGG HILL ROAD, POND RESTORATION (NAZZARO)

Gene Nazzaro came forward and explained that the pond was built about 10 years ago and the pond has silted in some but the main concern is the outlet structure leaks, has no footing and has washed out below. He indicated that the access is off Kellogg Hill, through the meadow area. The main project will be building the outlet structure but they will remove some sediment and clean it out some. Discussion ensued.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Zegers made a motion to approve the application of Engen, 35 Kellogg Hill Road for pond restoration as shown on a plan prepared by Nazzaro Brothers dated 5/25/2006 and revised 1/21/16, subject to the Standard Conditions A-I. Mr. Schwarz seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried (7-0).

DISCUSSION OF APPLICATION: DELGRASSO, 5 MEADOWBROOK LANE, POND RESTORATION (NAZZARO)

Gene Nazzaro presented the plan and pictures of what the pond looks like in the Summer and in the Spring. He explained that they will be using the same method as far as dewatering. The flow is so minimal they will use a pump and dirt bag application. He noted that they will be taking all material that has been excavated off site. They also plan to clean out the pipes that are clogged.

Mr. Zegers brought discussion to some buffer plantings. Ms. Minter suggested a 10 ft. planting buffer and Mr. Nazzaro indicated that on the plan.

#### MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Schwarz made a motion to approve the application of Delgrasso, 5 Meadowbrook Lane for pond restoration as shown on plans prepared by Nazarro Brothers revised 1/21/16, subject to the Standard Conditions A-I and J. A planting plan is to be submitted to the Conservation Planner for review and approval. Ms. Minter seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried (7-0).

#### DISCUSSION OF APPLICATION: LEVY, 75 NORFIELD ROAD, SWIMMING POOL (MARQUEE POOLS)

Jim Vadas, owner of Marquee Pools came forward to present the application. He showed the plan indicating the location of the pool and patio. Mr. Vadas explained that they plan to have a concrete patio and engineering will tell them how many culteks they will need and where to locate. Discussion ensued.

Following discussion, Ms. Minter expressed concern with water coming onto the property from higher up neighbors. The Commission stated that the applicants will need to update the plan with the stockpile location, vegetative buffer on the wetland side, double silt fence with hay and the Cultek system.

#### MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Mr. von Rosenvinge made a motion to approve the application for 75 Norfield Road for a pool shown on a plan prepared by dated 6/14/02 revised 12/2/15 and modified on 1/21/16 indicating the elevation of the pool at existing grade, the location of the covered stockpile to the west of the pool, double silt fence with hay bales, buffer zone between the wetland and pool decking, subject to the Standard Conditions A-I and J. The proposed Cultek design and calculations and a planting plan is to be submitted to the Conservation Planner. Ms. Minter seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried (7-0).

#### DISCUSSION OF APPLICATION: MAKOWSKI, 8 HILLSIDE ROAD SOUTH MODIFICATION OF PERMIT 14-20

Aleksandra Moch and Mr. Makowski came forward. There was discussion regarding filing of a modification to the permit for remediation of the filled wetland areas. Ms. Moch stated that she has not filed a modification. Following discussion there was no resolution of the matter.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Zegers made a motion to re-elect Mr. Schwarz as Chairman and Ms. Minter as Vice Chairman and Mr. von Rosenvinge seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (7-0).

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Minter made a motion to approve the Minutes from the December 17, 2015 meeting and Mr. Schwarz seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (7-0).

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Ms. Minter made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Smith seconded. All in favor, the meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Delana Lustberg  
Recording Secretary