

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Ed Schwarz, Vice-Chairman Cathy Minter, Robert Turner, Michiel Zegers, Ted von Rosenvinge and Sarah Schlechter

Mr. Schwarz opened the May 19th meeting of the Weston Conservation Commission at 7:30 p.m.

SET WALK DATE:

The walk date was set for Saturday, June 11, 2016. The Commissioners will meet at Town Hall at 8:00 a.m.

RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS:

- 11 Old Hyde Road, new house (Ochman)

MOTION FOR RECEIPT:

Mr. Schwarz made a motion to receive the application of 11 Old Hyde Road and Ms. Minter seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (6-0).

DISCUSSION OF APPLICATION: KOURI, 6 TIMOTHY ROAD, SWIMMING POOL (SHORELINE)

Mrs. Kouri and a representative from Shoreline Pools came forward to discuss the application. They presented the plan and discussion turned to the issue of drainage pipes. They then revised the plan to show the location of drywell and roof leaders. He also indicated the location of the stockpile and noted that they will cover it in case of rain with hay bales on the downslope. They will only be keeping enough to back fill.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Schwarz made a motion to approve the application for 6 Timothy Road as shown on plans prepared by Leonard Land Surveyors with revisions dated 5/19/16, subject to Standard Conditions A-I. Mr. Zegers seconded. All in favor, the motion carried. (6-0).

DISCUSSION OF APPLICATION: LEWIS, 186 VALLEY FORGE ROAD, SECOND STORY ADDITION

Vivi Lee, architect, representing the owners, came forward to present the plans. He stated that they propose to add a two story addition. He addressed concerns raised on the walk regarding additional runoff and did calculations. There are three existing structures on the property, a detached garage, shed and outhouse for a total of 800 square feet. The total sum of the addition is 1,100 sq. ft. and after removing the outbuildings there is a gross gain of 300 square feet. The plan is to drain to daylight and the driveway will be gravel. Following some additional discussion on drainage, the following motion was made:

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Zegers made a motion to approve the application for 186 Valley Forge Lane as shown on plans prepared by Cabezas DeAngelis Engineers dated 4/3/16, subject to the Standard Conditions A-I. Mr. Schwarz seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried (6-0).

DISCUSSION OF APPLICATION: VOYTOVWCH, 23 MOUNTAIN VIEW DRIVE, CODE COMPLYING SEPTIC SYSTEM

Doug Devesta, P.E, came forward and explained that he worked on this project in 2006 when the owners started renovation but it was eventually lost to the bank. The new clients need to come back to the Commission because the permits have expired. Mr. Devesta noted that it is the same plan, but Health Codes have changed so they had to do a new septic system design. He also noted that he has a verbal "OK" from Jeff Andrews from the Health Department.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Schwarz made a motion to approve the application for 23 Mountain View Drive as shown on a plan prepared by Divesta Civil Engineering Assoc. dated 1/3/16, subject to the Standard Conditions A-I and J. Health Department Approval. Mr. Zegers seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried (6-0).

DISCUSSION OF APPLICATION: PRABHU LOT 14, TANNERY LANE SUBDIVISION, BANKS DRIVE & BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION TO LYONS PLAIN ROAD, SINGLE FAMILY HOUSE, WELL & SEPTIC.

Pete Romano from LandTech came forward to present the proposal. He explained that the address of the 26 acre parcel is Banks Drive and it is the last piece of the subdivision. The proposal is to construct a bridge spanning 300 ft. across the Saugatuck River to the site which is on the landward side of river off Lyons Plains Road. He stated that they looked at alternatives and noted that having a driveway off of Banks Drive would create a lot of devastation. The shortest route is across the flood plain and floodway.

Cory Attra, P.E. came forward and stated that he is responsible for the design and construction of the proposed bridge. He explained that it would be a 330 ft. bridge supported by 2 abutments, 3 interior piers and showed the span of the bridge. The bottom of the bridge is at base flood elevation with 4 ft. of depth. The longest span is 115 ft. has all attributes of a major bridge.

Mark Bardos, Engineer came forward to discuss the hydraulics related to crossing noting that it is a laborious process. He discussed water levels and 100 year storm noting that they will be taking down an area in between the road and the river to compensate for the added pier obstruction in the floodway. Discussion ensued.

Chris Allen, soil scientist came forward to discuss the restoration plan and also noted that DEEEP will need to see the restoration plan. They have a 5 year monitoring plan and if it floods it will need to be replaced. He noted that they are trying to replicate what is existing. Mr. Allen then indicated the infiltration system for the driveway and several others on the property for storm water. Discussion continued.

Gene Farrance, 262 Lyons Plain Road, stated that he is an abutting neighbor and they have answered some questions that he had. He wanted to know about the aesthetics but figures that

will come further down the road. He also stated that he presumes the calculations did take into consideration impact of a 100 year flood. Mr. Allen noted that it has been designed for that.

Mark Perotta, 24 Skylark Lane, stated that their house overlooks the project. He questioned who owns the other side of the river and Mr. Romano noted that it is owned by their client. He stated that he thinks it is a horrible idea and doesn't understand how this proposal could be approved when Feliciano's wasn't. He also questioned why the house has to be in that location.

Eileen Buckley, 248 Lyons Plain Road, stated that she was just interested in getting information about the proposal.

Following some additional discussion, the matter was continued and the Commissioners will walk the Banks Drive side of the property on the scheduled walk.

Mr. Zegers left the meeting.

DISCUSSION/DECISION CONT: CEASE & DESIST ORDER, 15 SOUNDVIEW FARM ROAD SITE WORK, RE-GRADING AND FILL (CHIKUNI) (LAND TECH)

Tom Ryder from LandTech came forward and stated that the soil has been removed and tested. They have prepared a restoration plan, and have tested for heavy metals and other inorganic compounds. They took 3 samples from the existing soil, 3 from area where the fill was removed, 3 in undisturbed soil and compared them against residential standards. All were well under the RSR's. Chris Allen came forward and explained the reason why the remaining 15 feet of fill is recommended to stay. Discussion ensued.

MOTION

Mr. Schwarz made a motion that applicant does not need to remove any more fill. The fill down to the septic system is to be topped with topsoil and planted. Mr. Turner seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and carried (3-2).

MOTION

Mr. Schwarz made a motion to approve the restoration plan for 15 Soundview Farm Road prepared by LandTech and dated 5/19/16 with handwritten modifications, subject to the Standard Conditions A-I. Mr. von Rosenvinge. All in favor 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schwarz made a motion to approve the Minutes from April 21, 2016 and Ms. Minter seconded. All in favor, the motion carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Schwarz made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Schlechter seconded. All in favor, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Delana Lustberg
Recording Secretary