

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Mr. Schwarz opened the November 17th meeting of the Weston Conservation Commission at 7:30 p.m.

RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS:

There were no applications for receipt so there will be no Walk Date.

DISCUSSION OF APPLICATION: ROGERS, 11 SAUGATUCK RIVER ROAD, REPLACEMENT SEPTIC SYSTEM

Jon Rogers, owner, came forward and stated that they are just replacing the septic system in the same location as it is now. He stated that it has been approved by the Westport/Weston Health District. The Commissioners reviewed the plan and had no questions.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Schwarz made a motion to approve the application for Rogers, 11 Saugatuck River Road for a replacement septic system as shown on plans dated 1/11/16, revised 9/15/16 and 11/14/16, prepared by J. Edwards and Assoc., subject to Standard Conditions A-I. Ms. Minter seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried (7-0).

DISCUSSION OF APPLICATION: SALEM, 2 STEEP HILL ROAD, REPLACEMENT BARN WITH SEPTIC SYSTEM

Ross Tiefenthaler and Mrs. Salem, owner, came forward to present the application. Mr. Tiefenthaler stated that the only difference in the revised plans is the water retention system that was added. He noted that at the site visit the Commission asked for that to be added to plans. He also indicated the gutters and the underground drains leading into that retention system. He further noted that the Engineer who designed the system was not able to attend the meeting tonight. Mr. Tiefenthaler indicated that the closest edge of the barn is 83 feet away from the wetland line. Discussion ensued on whether the barn could be moved further away from the wetlands.

Discussion then turned to whether they could have pavers and it was decided that they could, provided that they maintained 6 inches of grass in between the pavers.

Hearing no additional discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Schwarz made a motion to approve the application for Salem, 2 Steep Hill Road, for a replacement barn and septic system as shown on plans prepared by Smith & Company Engineers dated 10/17/16 and revised 11/17/16 indicating the yard drain from blue stone pavers going into roof drains, subject to Standard Conditions A-I. Mr. Zegers seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried (7-0).

DISCUSSION OF APPLICATION CONT.: STURGES BROS., 87 NORFIELD ROAD, POOL

Don and Mike Sturges, owners, came forward and presented revised plans, showing the bridge and pool decking. Don Sturges spoke to the sandy nature of the soil and noted that there will be footing drains. Mr. Schwarz questioned the footing drains running into wetlands and asked if the runoff could be can run into drywell? Mr. Sturges agreed that it could be solution. Mr. Schwarz stated that the Commission does not want any runoff going into the stream. Mr. Sturges stated that they would remove the pipes and tie into the drywell.

Discussion then turned to the bridge, Ms. Minter questioned the reason for the bridge and Mr. Sturges explained that it is mostly for aesthetics and so someone could access the other side of the property. Mr. Smith noted that it is more decorative than functional, and people will go over to that area without a bridge anyways. Following some additional discussion, the following motions were made:

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Schwarz made a Motion to approve the bridge in the dimensions set forth on the plan prepared by Frank Fowler, revised 11/17/16. It is only to be a pedestrian bridge and can't be used for any equipment. Mr. Zegers seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried (7-0).

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Zegers made a Motion to approve the swimming pool as shown on revised plans prepared by Frank Fowler, revised 11/17/16 indicating a new Culteck system for pools and moving of the footing drains, subject to Standard Conditions A-I. Mr. Schwarz seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried (7-0).

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Zegers brought discussion to the possibility of changing the monthly meeting dates to the fourth Thursday of the month instead of the current fourth Tuesday. There was a consensus among the members that it was fine with them and to check with Tracy Kulikowski to see if there would be any conflicts with other meeting dates.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schwarz made a motion to approve the Minutes from October 20, 2016 and Mr. von Rosenvinge seconded. The motion was voted on and carried (7-0).

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. von Roenvinge made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Zegers seconded. All in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Delana Lustberg
Recording Secretary