

DATE APPROVED:

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES FOR JULY 22, 2021 PAGE #21-16

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman, Ted von Rosenvinge, Vice-Chairman, Sarah Schlechter, Ed Schwarz, Robert Turner, Mike Reiner, James Smith and Holly Charlesworth

Also present: Tracy Kulikowski, Land Use Director, Tom Failla, Conservation Planner

Mr. von Rosenvinge opened the Regular Zoom Meeting at 7:33 p.m.

DISCUSSION/DECISION CONT'D: OMAR SEVILLA [OWNER], ARTEL ENGINEERING GROUP, LLC [AGENT]; 251 NEWTOWN TURNPIKE; HOUSE EXPANSION / MAJOR ADDITION, DRIVEWAY, STORM WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Attorney Jim Murphy, Matt Popp, Wetlands Scientist and Dainius Virbikas, PE were in attendance representing the owner. Mr. Virbikas discussed alternates to the proposed plan with one being to stick to the existing driveway as much as possible and not have the looping driveway. He explained that while the driveway will increase the impervious surface, with storm water management systems in place, the runoff from the site will be no greater than what it was prior to any site work. Mr. Virbikas also noted that while the client would prefer for the driveway to be pervious, he did the drainage calculations based on if it were to be impervious and over compensated for what is proposed. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Popp then explained the plantings that are proposed to act as buffer for the wetlands and noted that they propose letting the lawn area closest to the wetlands return to a wet meadow. He further indicated the boulder line protecting that wet meadow area and showed the detail of the cultec system.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Ms. Schlechter made a motion to approve the plan for 251 Newtown Turnpike as shown on plans prepared by Artel Engineering dated 4/13/21 and revised 7/19/21 and labeled Alt 1. And landscape plans from Environmental Land Solutions dated 7/19/21. Subject to Standard Conditions A-G and H. boulders are to remain in place at the south edge of driveway and I. Implementation of the landscaping plan is to be supervised and signed off on by Mr. Popp after completion. Mr. von Rosenvinge seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (7-0).

DISCUSSION/DECISION: LENNART EGMOND & INGEBORG HOEFKENS; 142 WESTON ROAD; ADDITION, PORCH, SEPTIC TANK REPLACEMENT

Lennart Egmond, owner, explained that they would like to want to put an addition on to the kitchen and make additional room for visitors. The Westport/Weston Health District said that they need to enlarge septic tank. Ms. Schlechter noted that when they walked the property the wetlands were not flagged. Mr. Smith stated that he would also want to go back out to see flagged wetlands in the field. The matter was continued and added to the next site walk.

Mr. Egmond asked about doing the septic work prior to approval of the addition portion of the application. Discussion ensued.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Schwarz made a motion to approve the septic tank replacement and water treatment well as shown on the Storm water Re-charge Design by Hunt & Co. dated 7/20/21 and Mr. von Roenvinge seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (7-0).

Mr. Turner and Ms. Charlesworth recused themselves from the next matter at 9:15 p.m.

DISCUSSION/DECISION: REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTED REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN – SITE REGRADING APPROVED BY THE OCTOBER 17, 2014 STIPULATION FOR JUDGMENT [ROBERT J. CARR, P.E., SALVATORE TRIANO, P.E. AND ATTORNEY EDWARD LERNER REPRESENTING NAUSHIN SARFRAZ]

Mr. von Rosenvinge noted that there were some issues noted when they went out to the field, it seemed a little steeper and Ms. Schlechter noted an area with a lot of bare soil that still need grass and wanted to make sure it was addressed adequately. Mr. Troiano noted that one corner looks a little steeper and the swail has limited vegetation and needs to be addressed. In that particular area Ms. Schlechter noted is shaded and not really conducive for growing. If they can remove the silt fence it would allow them to seed and vegetate the swail area which would be the best approach. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Smith brought up the drain area and Mr. Troiano noted some erosion had occurred locally at the pipe and they will run rip wrap down to the swail and remediate that area. Mr. von Roenvinge commented that overall the site looks good and they can finish the re-seeding and have Mr. Failla certify that it has all been done.

Ted motion to allow the silt fence to be removed and re-seeded and complete the project subject to the Conservation Planner making a visit and confirming everything has been done. Discussion ensued.

MOTION

Mr. Schwarz made a motion to enter Executive session and Jim seconded. All in favor, Executive Session was entered at 9:45 p.m.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 10:28 p.m.

Mr. von Rosenvinge explained that they decided to authorize Attorney Spires to negotiate a written agreement to bring the matter to closure and release the lien with the only requirement that additional minor finishing of work be completed, subject to inspection by the Conservation Planner. The matter was continued to August 26, 2021 meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Schlechter made a motion to approve the Minutes from May 27, 2021 and Mr. von Rosenvinge seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (6-0).

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Minutes from June 15, 2021 Meeting and Mr. von Rosenvinge seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (6-0).

Mr. Reiner made a motion to approve the Minutes from June 12, 2021 site walk and Ms. Schlechter seconded. The motion carried (5-1 [von Rosenvinge abstain]).

Mr. Schwarz made a motion to approve the Minutes from June 24, 2021 Meeting and Mr. Smith seconded. The motion carried (5-1 [Schlechter abstain]).

Mr. Schwarz made a motion to approve the Minutes from the July 10, 2021 site walk and Mr. Smith seconded. The motion carried (5-1 [von Rosenvinge abstain]).

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. von Rosenvinge made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Schwarz seconded. All in favor, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Delana Lustberg
Recording Secretary