

DATE APPROVED:

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 24, 2022 PAGE# 22-04

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairwomen, Sarah Schlechter, Vice-Chair, Holly Charlesworth, James Smith, Mary Francois

Also Present: Dr. Tom Failla, Conservation Planner

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Ms. Schlechter opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

RECIPT OF APPLICATION

- Richard Hubli [owner]; Tom Quinn [engineer/agent] 98 Georgetown Road, site development [22-02]

MOTION FOR RECIPT

- Ms. Schlechter made a motion to accept the application and Ms. Charlesworth seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (4-0).

DISCUSSION/DECISION: ROBIN MANN [OWNER]; GRUMANN ENGINEERING [AGENT]; 76 DAVIS HILL ROAD; GARAGE ADDITION [22-01]

Dean Martin, P.E, Grumman Engineering showed a 2.1 acre parcel, located on the north side of Davis Hill Road. An existing single family dwelling built in 1963 with no garage with more than half of the property consisting of wetlands. The owners are looking to construct a new two car garage to attach to the southeastern end of the existing dwelling. Mr. Martin further explained that the portion of the existing driveway will be removed and turned back into a previous surface. The roof drainage for the proposed garage addition as well as roof leaders from the existing eastern end of the house will be collected and routed into a 15 foot level spreader, sized for a fifty year storm. Ms. Schlechter questioned any cut and fill? Mr. Martin explained there wouldn't be much, just removing the eighteen inch retaining wall which will be filled with material for the driveway; the garage will have frost walls with no basement. Mr. Martin indicated slit fence detail and construction sequencing on plan. Dr. Failla will go out to determine when the slit fence can be removed. Discussion ensued

Ms. Charlesworth expressed concern with invasive plants in the wetlands, bamboo and pachysandra. Steve Danzer, landscape architect stated that pachysandra is not technically invasive; the greater threat is the bamboo. Dr. Failla stated that the bamboo is not invasive; the bamboo is running bamboo which spreads by roots, does not spread by the seeds.

Ms. Schlechter explained that her main concern is the lack of contours around the new driveway area; Mr. Martin stated that he is able to add correct contours on a revised map.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the application for 76 Davis Hill Road as shown on plan by Grumman Engineering dated October 26, 2021 revised February 24, 2022 subject to A-G and the additional condition H that the applicant submit an updated plan with graded contours for driveway. Ms. Charlesworth seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (4-0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. Charlesworth made a motion to approve the January 20, 2022 minutes and Mr. Smith seconded. All in favor (3-0-1 abstain Ms. Francois).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Francois made a motion to approve, Mr. Smith seconded. Ms. Charlesworth and Ms. Schlechter abstain. Motion carried (2-0-2)

MOTION TO ADJORN

Mr. Smith made a motion to adjourn, Ms. Schlechter seconded. All in favor (4-0), the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marina Zegarelli  
Recording Secretary