



MINUTES

April 24, 2014

PRESENT: John Hall (Chair), Liz Craig, Dennis Delaney, Tom Burgess

ALSO PRESENT: Patricia Sesto, Director, Environmental Affairs; Liz Larkin, Recording Secretary; Marie Henry, Agent; Steven Valassis, Homeowner; Anand Seshadri, Dewberry, Inc.; Mike Sears, Dewberry, Inc.

ABSENT: Nick Lee, Dan Falta (notified of intended absences)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Hall called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. WET#2244(S) – SHAW – 58 Kent Hills Lane – “emergency” septic repair

Ms. Sesto stated that the emergency permit has been issued so the homeowners can go ahead and commence the work. She indicated that there was a defect in the application as the legal notices have not been sent to the abutting neighbors.

The hearing was continued until the next meeting on May 8, 2014.

III. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE REVIEWED

A. WET#2245(I) – VALASSAS – 283 Cheese Spring Road – rear and second floor addition

Mr. Hall, Ms. Craig, Mr. Burgess and Mr. Delaney indicated they visited the site.

Ms. Henry explained that the Valassas's are proposing a 12 ft. x 32 ft. addition to their kitchen in the rear of the existing home. She confirmed that this expansion will use a portion of the existing deck footprint so no substantial ground disturbance will be necessary.

Ms. Henry also explained there is a proposal to move the rear deck back by 12 ft., to keep the existing size. She also described that there is a large chimney at the front of the property that they would like to remove and add to the house with a small bump out to align the front of the home.

Ms. Sesto asked if additional bedrooms required a Health Department B100a. Ms. Henry stated that the home will remain as four bedrooms so no B100a required.

Mr. Hall inquired about the current edge of lawn as it encroaches on the wetland line. Ms. Henry stated that they could cut the lawn back in this area to match up with the wetland line. The commission suggested that native shrubs and understory be installed to demark this new lawn area.

Mr. Delaney MOVED to APPROVE WET#2245 with the General and normal Special Conditions and the additional Special Conditions that the applicant shall plant a wetland buffer, and replant areas of wetlands that are currently lawned, SECONDED by Ms. Craig and CARRIED 4-0-0.

B. WET#2246 (I) – TOWN OF WILTON – Bald Hill Bridge – bridge superstructure replacement

Mr. Hall, Ms. Craig, Mr. Burgess, and Mr. Delaney indicated they visited the site.

Mr. Seshadri described the current bridge as being built in 1966 and consisting of 2 lanes as well as a sidewalk. This steel-beamed bridge services 20 – 25 residents on the western side of the bridge. He confirmed the deck is in poor condition which requires constant patching by the town's Department of Public Works.

Mr. Seshadri confirmed the wing walls are in good condition so they are proposing to replace the surface only, utilizing pre-stressed concrete deck units. The bridge deck replacement will take 2 – 3 days to complete. A 5-foot wide walkway will remain during construction for the residents on the western side of the bridge to be able to get in and out. These residents will park their vehicles on the eastern side of the bridge for the 3 days, and emergency vehicle access is being worked out with the town during the installation. It was noted that there may be a fire truck and ambulance stationed on the western side for the duration of the project in the event of an emergency.

Mr. Sears confirmed that he created a hydraulic model to see what happens to the stream flows during a rainfall event. He stated that the flood elevations are not changing. He also checked the scour of the bridge and confirmed there will be none. He stated there is no need for riprap and no sheeting required for the abutments.

The project encompasses linear 180 feet. In addition to the bridge length, there will be work up to 55 feet on each end. There was a coffer dam included on the plan, but it was noted that this should be removed as it is not required. The federal government is contributing 80% of the cost via a grant, and the town will pay for the remaining 20%. Ms. Craig confirmed that there is no tree removal associated with the proposal. She also asked if there is a concern with the possibility of invasives being brought in on the equipment. Mr. Sears stated that the lawns in the area are well manicured so he is not concerned that invasives would take over.

Mr. Delaney inquired about the upstream silt and how it would affect the bridge if the pond owners chose to dredge. Mr. Sears responded that it would be okay to remove the silt from a pond, but not below the bridge. He added that a flood event, with increased velocity, will pick

up the silt and take it downstream.

Mr. Delaney MOVED to APPROVE WET#2246, with General Conditions and normal Special conditions, SECONDED by Mr. Burgess, and CARRIED 4-0-0.

IV. APPLICATIONS TO BE ACCEPTED

A. WET#2247(I) – 44 WESTPORT ROAD LLC – 44 Westport Road – construct 20-unit multi-family building

Mr. Delany MOVED to ACCEPT WET#2247, SECONDED by Ms. Craig and CARRIED 4-0-0.

V. APPROVED MINOR ACTIVITIES - None

VI. CORRESPONDENCE - None

VII. OTHER APPROPRIATE BUSINESS

A. WET#2168(S) Bevilacqua – 27 Antler Lane – Show Cause Hearing for Permit Violation

Ms. Sesto reminded the commission that a permit was issued in March of 2013 for a 2-bedroom addition and new septic. She confirmed that Mr. Conklin visited the site and found that unauthorized work was being done, and the proper sedimentation and erosion controls were not in place. She stated that a Cease and Desist was placed on the property and the commission is required to hold a show cause hearing within 10 days of the order. As the property owner was not available to attend the meeting, it was suggested that the hearing is continued to the next meeting date.

B. VIOLATIONS

- 1. O'Connor – 92 Hulda Hill Road** – Ms. Sesto confirmed that there was a sport court built within a regulated area on this property without a permit. She indicated that when the letter of violation was sent, the intent was for the homeowner to get the permits to remove the sport court with a deadline for the day prior to the meeting. However, when the owner came in, she was requesting to get the sport court approved, in its current location, with half of the court on the neighbor's property. Ms. Sesto stated that she waived the requirement to submit the corrective action at this time as they will need to get Planning and Zoning approval first.
- 2. Mitchell – 232 Silver Spring Road** – Ms. Sesto reported that this site has chronic erosion control issues. The silt fence was not installed properly and there have been requests to correct it with no compliance. The berm that was required as part of their permit has been removed. There has been a Notice of Violation issued for this property and Mr. Conklin is working with the owners and the contractor to correct these deficiencies.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 10, 2014

Mr. Delaney MOVED to APPROVE the minutes, as drafted, SECONDED by Ms. Craig and

CARRIED 4-0-0.

VIII. ADJOURN

Mr. Burgess MOVED to ADJOURN at 8:20 p.m., SECONDED by Mr. Delaney, and CARRIED 4-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Larkin
Recording Secretary