



MINUTES

September 25, 2014

PRESENT: John Hall (Chair), Tom Burgess, Liz Craig, Dan Falta, Nick Lee

ALSO PRESENT: Patricia Sesto, Director, Environmental Affairs; Liz Larkin, Recording Secretary; Robert Hurwitz, Agent; Gill Hollander, Homeowner; Stephen Audet, United Cleaning & Restoration

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Hall called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

III. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE REVIEWED

A. WET#2267(I) – RYAN – 20 Thunder Lake Road – “after-the-fact” installation of a permeable gravel driveway along the southern border of the property 16 feet from wetlands (cont.)

Ms. Sesto noted that the applicant has requested an extension on their application.

B. WET#2272(I) – HURWITZ – 335 Newtown Turnpike – removal of 17 trees in a regulated area and a B100a

Ms. Sesto reminded the commission that this application was accepted as a Minor Regulated Activity at the last meeting contingent upon a licensed arborist deeming the trees too dangerous to remain. She explained that the day following that meeting, the health department provided a referral for a B100a that falls within the regulated area. This addition to the proposal automatically increases the level to an Intermediate Regulated Activity.

Mr. Hurwitz confirmed there are four large trees very close to the home that he would like to remove along with two trees that are listing toward the house. He explained that no maintenance has been completed on the property in some time, and he is hoping to clean it up for his mother that lives there. He confirmed that the tennis court is in disrepair and is 80 ft. to the watercourse. He stated he would trim the trees near the river instead of removing them.

Mr. Lee reviewed the arborist letter and confirmed that the trees near the house need to come down for safety reasons. Ms. Craig asked if the trees being removed will allow sunlight on the watercourse as she was concerned about thermal pollution. Mr. Hurwitz confirmed that there are five or six trees on the bank that will remain. Ms. Craig asked if he would consider planting a sapling. Mr. Lee stated that planting a sapling would not make a difference with the way the sun shines on the watercourse. Ms. Sesto added that there is no crisp lawn near the watercourse.

Mr. Falta MOVED to APPROVE WET#2272 with General Conditions, SECONDED by Mr. Burgess and CARRIED 5-0-0.

C. WET#2270(I) – HOLLANDER – 211 Linden Tree Road – rebuild house from fire damages

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

Mr. Audet, of United Cleaning and Restoration, stated that he was hired to help the Hollander's rebuild their home after fire damage. The house will be torn down and the rebuilt home will be slightly larger. Although the plan depicts an extension out the north side, the homeowners are not going forward with that piece.

Mr. Audet confirmed that a new septic tank is required and the old leaching fields will be utilized. The new tank will be placed in an existing lawn area and the Health Department is requiring the dry wells to be pumped and the old tank be crushed and filled. There will be no change in the limit of lawn, although the driveway will be repositioned closer to the street and some trees will be removed outside of the regulated area. It was determined that the house is almost wholly within the regulated area and the old patio is being switched to a slightly larger deck.

Mr. Hollander confirmed that the pool will remain and the only thing left from the fire on March 29th was the garage. Mr. Lee asked if the drainage was being redone. Mr. Audet confirmed that the existing drainage will remain. Mr. Lee asked if the downspouts will be piped or exit at the house as he was suggesting a rain garden. Mr. Hollander stated their current thinking is to forego installing gutters. Ms. Sesto asked if they would be willing to add a rain garden in the event that gutters are added to the home and he said that would be acceptable.

Mr. Falta MOVED to APPROVE WET#2270 with the General and normal Special Conditions and the additional Special Condition that if gutters are installed, a rain garden will be constructed, SECONDED by Mr. Lee and CARRIED 5-0-0.

IV. APPLICATIONS TO BE ACCEPTED - None

V. APPROVED MINOR ACTIVITIES

A. WET#2271(M) – MCKELVY – 130 Ridgefield Road – install generator 39 ft. from a wetland and a propane tank 40 ft. from a wetland

B. WET#2273(M) – LILLIS – 43 Pheasant Run Road – install a shed 42 ft. from wetlands

Ms. Sesto provided a brief summary of the approved minor activities.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE - None

VII. OTHER APPROPRIATE BUSINESS

A. VIOLATIONS

- 1. Hallman – 25 Spoonwood Road**
- 2. DeVito – 40 Honey Hill**
- 3. Abou-Sabh/Casey - 78 Spoonwood Road**

Ms. Sesto confirmed there are no updates on the violations other than the Abou-Sabh/Caseys will be submitting their corrective action for acceptance at the next meeting.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 11, 2014

Mr. Lee MOVED to APPROVE the minutes, as drafted, SECONDED by Ms. Craig and CARRIED 5-0-0.

VIII. ADJOURN

Mr. Lee MOVED to ADJOURN at 7:55 p.m., SECONDED by Ms. Craig, and CARRIED 5-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Larkin
Recording Secretary