

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MEETING OF JANUARY 13, 2009**

PRESENT: Arthur Christian, Chairman
Jack Leahey
Raymond Wilcox
Bob Roberts

ALTERNATES: Andy Krar
Keith Golembiewski

RECORDING SECRETARY: Keith Morris

CONSULTANT: Keith Morris

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER-7:00 P.M.

Chairman Art Christian called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Andy Krar will be a voting member in place of Glenn Neilson, Keith Golembiewski shall be voting member in place of Tom Heffernan.

II. INFORMAL DISCUSSIO

Richard Binns – Blossom

Mr. Binns was not present. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

III. PLAN MODIFICATION

Permit # 1527 – Daniel Carnevale – 10 Lot subdivision to be served by sanitary sewer and public water – Thompsonville Road. Assessor’s Map # 75H, Block 45, Lot #121. This property is located on the south side of Thompsonville Road, nearest intersection being East Street.

Consultant Keith Morris explained to the Commission that the applicant has come back for a plan modification based on comments they received from the Zoning and Planning Commission.

Jay Ursery from .J R. Russo Associates was present along with the applicant Daniel Carnevale. Jay explained that the Zoning and Planning Commission requested that the culvert for the drainage ditch crossing be extended for 75’ on each end for a total of 150’. The reason for the extension is for safety. They did not want the ends of the culvert so close to the roadway.

The work would result in an additional 3,400 square feet of temporary wetland disturbance. Jay stated the organic soils from the ditch would be stockpiled and used as back fill over the pipe. The area would then be seeded with a wetland seed mix and eventually blend in with the existing wetland.

Ray did not see the advantage, from a wetland standpoint, of extending the pipe, and did not think it was necessary. Andy stated that the Commission discussed piping the drainage ditch in detail during the public hearing and decided it was not necessary.

Art asked Keith how this would impact the Army Corp of Engineers. Keith stated that since this is a manmade ditch the Corp did not have jurisdiction.

After a lengthy discussion Andy made a motion to approve the plan modification, seconded by Keith Golembiewski. During the discussion, Ray raised concern about the storm drainage pipe that would also have to be extended through the wetland if the culvert was extended. After discussion no commissioner voted for the motion.

After further discussion it was decided that the plan modification be tabled until the next meeting and that several Conservation Commission members would contact the Zoning and Planning Commission to discuss the matter. Ray made a motion, seconded by Bob, to table the matter. The motion was made and carried unanimously.

IV. DECISIONS

Permit #1533-Briarwood Homes-Office Building with Associated Parking-228 Mountain Road. This property is located on the north side of Mountain Road nearest intersection being Hill Street. Assessor's Map #24H, Block 30, Lot #131.

Art stated the applicant was unable to attend the meeting.

Consultant Keith Morris went over the application of Briarwood Homes. There are no wetlands involved. The Commission is in receipt of an engineered plan which was asked for at the last meeting. The plan calls for the construction of an office building with associated parking. A capacity letter form WPCA has also been submitted. Town Engineer Gerry Turbet has prepared comments which Keith handed out to the Commission. Gerry does not have any concerns with the plan as presented.

After discussion, Ray Wilcox made a motion, seconded by Andy Krar, to approve the application in a Declaratory Ruling, with the following conditions:

Suffield Conservation Commission stipulations 1-10 shall apply.

During the discussion on the motion, Andy raised concerns about the cleaning of the existing 15' pipe on Mountain Road. He made a motion for an amendment, seconded by Keith Golembiewski, to require the applicant notify consultant Keith Morris or town engineer Gerry Turbet prior to the cleaning of the pipe to insure sediment does not enter Muddy Brook. Also added was that strict erosion and sediment controls be maintained on site.

Both the motion and amended motion were made and carried unanimously.

This property is located on the north side of Mountain Road nearest intersection being Hill Street. Assessor's Map #24H, Block 30, Lot #131. This permit is granted as a Declaratory Ruling as it does not involve impact on wetlands and watercourses. This permit will expire on May 13, 2012. The applicant has paid a fee in the amount of \$ 180.00.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel matters.

At 8:05 P.M. Bob Roberts made a motion, seconded by Keith Golembiewski, to go into executive session. At 8:20 P.M., Ray made a motion, seconded by Bob Roberts, to come out of executive session. The Commission stated they discussed personnel matters and that no decisions were made.

VII. CONSULTANT'S REPORT

Consultant Keith Morris asked the Commission to review the annual report for the 07-08 fiscal year that Tom Heffernan has prepared. After discussion, the Commission had several minor revisions to the report. Keith stated he has been contacted regarding 395 Halladay Ave. East. The septic system has failed at the property and they would like to tie into the sewer system. Keith stated there are no wetlands shown on the town map and suggested he meet with the contractor prior to the start of work to insure there are proper erosion controls in place. He did not think an application was necessary. The Commission agreed.

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 9, 2008

Art Christian made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Jack Leahey seconded the motion which was made and carried unanimously.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Ray Wilcox made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Bob Roberts and was made and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.