

LITTLETON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes for Meeting
October 19, 2009

Present: James Pickard, Sarah Seaward, Carl Melberg, Dan Lord, Ian Gunn and Frank Matheson

Absent: Peter Tierney

The meeting came to order at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes: Ian had a minor correction to the minutes. Ian made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Frank seconded the motion the vote in favor was unanimous.

Notice of Intent for 5 Forest Road DEP File No 204-666 – Bruce Robinson the owner of the property was present at the time of the hearing. Bruce submitted to the commission some new plans showing the drainage on the driveway that the commission requested while on site back in September. Bruce mentioned that the Board of Health approved the site at their meeting on the 13th. Ian mentioned that the whole area is within the buffer zone, and the plans do not show this. Sarah asked Bruce when the project would begin. Bruce mentioned that he would like to have the project start now but will be done by the spring. Ian made a motion to issue an Order of Conditions for DEP file number 204-666. Dan seconded the motion the vote in favor was unanimous.

Request for Determination 55 Matawanakee Trail Patricia Johnson. Ian mentioned that a site visit on this property took place last week and the owners were told they did not have to attend tonight meeting. There is a new map of the property showing what trees need to be removed. Sarah mentioned that a note should be added to the Determination stating that the trees being removed should be marked and be inspected at the same time as the hay bales. Ian made a motion to issue a Negative 3 Determination for 55 Matawanakee Trail. Dan seconded the motion; the vote in favor was unanimous.

Notice of Intent for 64 Bulkeley Road DEP File No. 204-672. Kevin Ritchie from Civil Solutions was present at the time of the hearing. Sarah mentioned to Kevin that since this house borders Boxboro he may want to notify the Boxboro Conservation Commission of the work being done and of the commission's decision on the site. Kevin went over the plan for site with the commission including the septic upgrade and the addition on the house. The septic system is proposed for the same spot the existing system. Kevin went on to mention that the septic has been approved by the Board of Health. A site visit will take place on Wednesday October 21st at 8:30 am, and the hearing will be continued to the next meeting on November 2nd.

Informal Discussion – Allen McNiff Gift of Land. Allen McNiff from Nordbloom Management was present at the time of the discussion. Allen stated that he was there representing his client Nordbloom Management that owns property on Foster Street. Nordbloom Management would like to donate to the town a small parcel of land about 4300 square feet that

is located adjacent to other town land. Sarah asked Allen what the property looked like. Allen let her know that the parcel of land is wet and flat. Ian suggested that the commission go out on site and take a look at it while they are out on site visits on Wednesday morning.

Informal Discussion – Rick Findley. Rick Findley from the Conservation Trust wanted to ask the commission for their permission to place some flat stones across a wet area on two different pieces of Town Land to create steps on the trails. The first are being at the Shaker Lane septic site that has a trail through it and the other area on the Cobb property. After some discussion the commission told Rick to get permission from the School Department for the Shaker Lane property since they are the ones that own it. The commission did not have any issues with Rick placing a crossing on both properties.

Discussion – 85 Matawanakee Trail John Field. John Field was present at the time of the discussion. John was asked to attend the meeting for an enforcement issue on 85 Matawanakee that Ian noticed while out on site in the area. John started by apologizing for letting the issue get to this point and asked the commission if they had seen the plans for the septic system that was installed. Ian told him no that nothing for the property has been given to the commission. John stated that the septic system was an emergency repair, which he did go to the Board of Health for approval two weeks prior. Ian mentioned that when he saw the site there was no silt fence installed and disturbed soil. Sarah asked John if the area is at the final grade yet. John told her no that there is still some work to be done on site. Sarah mentioned that it is the commission's main concern is to get the hay bales and silt fence on site and get the area stabilized. The commission requested John to file a Notice of Intent with the office tomorrow morning with plans. Sarah and Dan will go out on site in the afternoon on October 21st. The discussion will be continued to the next meeting on November 2nd.

Discussion – 215 Harwood Ave Joseph Pittorino. Sarah mentioned that the wetlands found while on site on October 9th need to be surveyed to see if they are juridical or not. The wetlands on site are located in several places, one close the neighbors on Bumblebee Lane and another close to the Town Forest. Ian showed the Commission the letter he sent to the Selectmen regarding the site visit on the 9th and a copy of the letter he sent to Mr. Pittorino last year. Carl asked if we had any plans for the site. Heather brought in the plans for the site that she received from Mr. Pittorino at the site visit. Sarah mentioned that the fill that has been brought on site has allowed for a large amount of run off which has created the wetlands. Also two composting piles in the back of the property located near the Town Forest have created a wetland as well. Mr. Joseph Pittorino was present at the time of the discussion. Sarah mentioned to Mr. Pittorino that following the site visit that took place on October 9th the commission has some concerns with what was found on site. Sarah went on to mention that there has been silt found in adjacent wetlands from Mr. Pittorino's property. Cleaning up of the silt in the wetlands is the commission's #1 concern along with stabilizing the fill and the installation of new hay bales and silt fence to keep this issue from occurring. Mr. Pittorino mentioned that he will not be able to stop the water from running down the fill and that the retention pond that was installed at the bottom of the fill was put there for that reason. Ian mentioned that the commission needs some kind of report stating what kind of soil is in the fill that was bought onto his property. Mr. Pittorino mentioned that Bill French has that report and will get a copy in to the commission. Ian gave Mr. Pittorino a copy of the letter that he submitted to the Selectmen for their meeting

tonight. Sarah mentioned that the creation of wetlands on site needs to be addressed. Mr. Pittorino mentioned that he has dug a retention pond for the silt to go into. Sarah mentioned to him that these ponds are what have caused the wetlands to grow on site.

Carl left the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Mr. Pittorino went one to mention that some of the areas in question are the fire ponds on his property that he went to all the boards to get permission for. Ian mentioned that the commission needs to have a copy of the Storm water Management Plan for the site along with an erosion control plan and a maintenance plan. Heather will send a letter to Mr. Pittorino with all the items discussed tonight that the commission would like him to send to them.

Discussion – FY2011 Budget Heather mentioned to the commission that the budget information has been released. The budget requests are for a level funded budget and a 5% decrease. The Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for December 15th. Keith is also trying to the regulatory boards to meet again in November, to discuss budgets and how things are going in the offices.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Next Meetings: 11/2 and 11/16