



CONSERVATION COMMISSION/
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June 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

The Lyme Conservation Commission, acting as Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency, held a Virtual Meeting on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Armond Chairman, Roger Dill, Beverly Crowther, Sue Hessel, Patrick Crowley, Tom Reynolds, Ben Kegley, Ross Byrne ZEO, and Jennifer Thomas Secretary
Absent Members: Christine Darnell and Steven Kurlansky (alternates)

REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Teresa Deluca, 172 Brush Hill Rd, Tax Map 20 Lot 8; an application to demolish, alter, and construct a new primary dwelling structure entirely within the existing footprint. The existing structure is entirely within the 100' setback.

Present: Teresa Deluca and David Bisceglia

Bisceglia reviewed the written statement that he had previously supplied to the commission explaining the project.

Different methods of sedimentation and erosion control were discussed including coir logs and mats as well as haybales.

Hessel asked that any trees scheduled to be taken down should be marked prior to the site walk.

Bisceglia noted that some of the trees have already been taken down. The additional trees are in the front porch area.

Crowther noted that there was no demolition plan submitted and that should be part of the application. Armond agreed that there should be a demolition and construction sequence plan submitted.

Byrne noted that Ledge Light Health District has given approval for the expansion of the septic system in the current location.

Armond called for any additional questions or comments. A site visit will be scheduled and this application will be seen again next month.

Novak, 138 Norwich Salem Rd, Tax Map 22 Lot 1; discuss remediation of violation, cutting within the setback area.

Present: Brandon Novak

Byrne stated that after receiving a phone call complaint, he went to the site and noted that some trees had been cut within the buffer zone of the vernal pool. The 100' buffer zone

extends just about to the house. Mr. Novak informed Byrne that he was just trying to create a small yard for the property.

Novak stated that he did not think he was doing anything wrong. A total of about 10 or 12 trees were taken down, four of which were dead. The goal was to make a small lawn for this rental property.

Dill questioned why Mr. Novak did not think he needed a permit and stated that he should know the regulations.

Crowther asked whether Novak approached the ZEO or former ZEO to discuss whether a permit would be needed and Novak stated that he did not.

Novak stated that he has gone to the ZEO to discuss different projects in the past.

Byrne recommended that he would like to schedule a meeting with the Novak Landscaping crew to educate them on wetlands issues and regulations and Mr. Novak has agreed to this.

Hessel stated that she does not like the idea of placing a lawn next to a vernal pool, where there is a potential for fertilizers or pesticides to be used.

Dill noted that it is a very active vernal pool and he would like to see a demarcation line, perhaps 50 feet from the pool, and remediate that portion of the property.

Novak stated that he is agreeable to that. He is willing to keep the lawn to within 50 feet of the house on the west side and then plant whatever the commission recommends on the remainder of the area.

Novak suggested that he meet with Byrne and come up with a remediation plan to present to the commission and the commission agreed to this course of action.

OLD BUSINESS

Inspection report on remediation progress at 622 Hamburg Rd, Tax Map 31 Lot 3, unauthorized clearing of land.

Byrne stated that he has not had a chance to visit the site in a while, but the last time he did the original grass planting was coming in quite well with the exception of one location. The hydroseed was not used because the original grass had already been coming in fairly well. He will revisit before the next meeting and report back.

NEW BUSINESS-None

APPROVAL OF OUTSTANDING MINUTES

Armond called for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 6, 2020 Special Meeting. Hessel made the motion, seconded by Crowley, and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Thomas, Secretary