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May 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

The Lyme Conservation Commission, acting as Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency, held a regular meeting on May 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roger Dill (acting chair), Patrick Crowley, Christine Darnell, Tom Reynolds, Ben Kegley, seated alternate Sue Cope, Ross Byrne ZEO, and Jennifer Thomas Secretary
Absent Members: Paul Armond, Sue Hessel, Jake Tiffany

Dill called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Seat Alternate Member

Alternate member Sue Cope was seated for absent regular member Paul Armond.

Regular Meeting

Tracy and J. Nickolas McKee, 127 Blood Street, Tax Map 33 Lot 37, concerning the addition of a room to an existing structure, the addition being within the 100 ft. upland review area.

Darnell recused herself from this portion of the meeting.

Byrne stated that the applicant could not make the meeting, and that he will try to answer any questions the commission has and can phone her if necessary.

Dill stated that at the last meeting the commission asked for a letter from the architect addressing the runoff as well as a letter from health district stating that the septic was suitable. These letters were received and distributed to the commission. Dill called for any questions or comments from the members.

Dill called for a motion to approve the application as presented with the submitted letter and the health district's approval.

Crowley made a motion, seconded by Reynolds, and the motion passed unanimously.

Darnell reentered the meeting and Cope recused herself for the next application.

Lyme Land Conservation Trust (LLCT), 0 Ely Ferry Road, Tax Map 25 Lot 12, concerning treatment of invasive plants in 1.9 acre parcel to restore wetland habitat.

Present: Desirae Hansen All Habitat Services, LLC

Site walk was performed by Crowley and Dill has been on the property in the past.

Hansen stated that the proposal is to remove the invasive barberry on the 1.9 acre parcel over the course of three years using chemical herbicide.

Crowley questioned why this piece has been chosen over other LLCT parcels in town and Cope stated that there is an interested donor who would like the proposed work completed on this parcel. If successful, this could become a method used in other areas of town.

Dill questioned if the proposed work will affect the vernal pool and the wildlife in the area and Hansen stated that there should be no effect on the wildlife. The herbicide is only considered toxic to plants. The spraying will not go beyond the water's edge and will not enter the wetlands. The application will be done on foot with backpack sprayers to localize the application to the individual plants during a day with low wind.

Kegley asked if there is a replanting plan for the area. Hansen stated that this application focuses on the eradication plan only and that any native species in the area should fill in the area after the barberry is eradicated. If plant removal occurs, it will be during the dormant season in the fall.

Dill asked if there was surfactant in the herbicide and Hansen stated that the herbicide is a thin invert emulsion with surfactant but no additional surfactant will be used.

Dill thanked Hansen and stated that the commission will act on the application at the following meeting.

Cope reentered the meeting.

New Business

Byrne asked the commission to consider reducing the cost of permits for applicants that wish to remove invasive plants from their property that are within the upland review area. He stated that he hopes that a lesser fee will encourage homeowners to come before the commission with a plan for removal and replanting before beginning the work. The commission discussed and agreed that applicants can always ask for the fee to be waived.

Old Business-None

Approval of minutes from the April 21, 2021 meeting.

Dill called for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2021 meeting. Crowley made the motion, seconded by Darnell, and the motion carried.

Adjournment

Dill called for a motion to adjourn. Reynolds made the motion, seconded by Crowley and the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Thomas, Secretary