



CONSERVATION COMMISSION/
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October 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

The Conservation Commission, acting as Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency, held a regular meeting on October 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lyme Town Hall, 480 Hamburg Road, Lyme CT 06371.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roger Dill acting Chair, Patrick Crowley, Tom Reynolds, Ben Kegley, Christine Darnell, Sue Hessel, Ross Byrne ZEO, and Jennifer Thomas Secretary.
Absent Members: Regular member Paul Armond, and alternates Jake Tiffany and Sue Cope

Dill called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Allyson Spurling and Patrick Comaskey, 551 Hamburg Road, Tax Map 38 Lot 2; an application to construct a grass and gravel driveway within the upland review area.

Present: Allyson Spurling, Patrick Comaskey and Joe Wren, Indigo Land Design
Site Walk attended by Dill, Crowley, Reynolds and Darnell

Kegley recused himself from this application.

Wren returned the abutters certified mail receipts.

Wren reminded the commission that a preliminary discussion of the project was had at a previous meeting.

Wren stated that the Department of Transportation (DOT) is happy with the sightlines at the proposed location. The right-of-way portion of the driveway will be paved and the remaining driveway will consist of a grass center with gravel tracks. The beginning of the driveway is outside of the 100-foot review area, and then it begins to encroach farther up the driveway. The project should be completed within one week, and the disturbed area will be seeded and stone check dams will be placed along with swales on either side of the driveway.

Dill stated that he believed the other proposed location that was presented informally was superior and would reduce potential runoff issues.

After discussion, the majority of members agreed that they were happy with either location.

Wren pointed out that the part of the driveway that would change is out of the 100-foot review area.

Dill stated that he would like the applicant to return next month and add some language about leaving the check dams in place for a time period and confirming the impervious material used on the driveway.

Kegley reentered as a regular member.

Jocelyn Brown, 9 Hickory Street, Tax Map 40.2 Lot 74; an application to demolish existing structures and construct a single-family residence with garage and new septic and driveway. The structure, septic and new driveway all encroach into the 100-foot upland review area.

Present: Russ Smith, Amity Construction & Design Inc.

Smith reminded the commission that they reviewed this application last month, and pointed out that the construction sequence and a slightly altered site plan had been sent to them prior to the meeting.

Dill called for any questions from the commission and there were none.

Reynolds made a motion to approve the application as presented. Darnell seconded the motion and the application was unanimously approved.

Philip Warner, 386-2 Mount Archer Road, Tax Map 28 Lot 15; an application to remove trees within the 100-foot upland review area. Applicant feels some of the trees are a threat to life and property.

Present: Philip Warner and Jason Wilcox of Wilcox Tree Experts

Site Walk attended by Dill, Crowley, Reynolds, Darnell, and Kegley

Abutters certified mail receipts were submitted.

Warner stated that no more than 17 trees would be removed.

Wilcox said that there will be no ground disturbance. The trees will be removed using cranes and the stumps will remain. The small trees and brush will all remain as well.

Dill questioned how much of the stump would be left and requested that at least 1 foot of stump remain.

Reynolds stated that the commission would be most concerned that the stumps are not removed, that the smaller trees and brush are not removed, and that erosion does not become a problem.

Darnell provided a list of potential plants that would be good options for that location after the trees are removed.

The application will be acted on at the next meeting.

Old Business

Byrne stated that the Board of Selectmen have approved the purchase of a plaque of Beverly Crowther's many years of dedicated service and Dill said that he would work with Thomas and Byrne to complete the order.

New Business

Byrne briefed the commission on a washout problem that occurred during one of the last big rainstorms. He has spoken with the property owner and has informed him that he will need to consult with an engineer to enlarge the culvert. An application is expected in the future to remediate the issue.

Approval of minutes from the September 15, 2021 meeting

Dill asked that the minutes be amended to reflect that he performed his own site visit on 9 Hickory Street and called for a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Crowley made the motion, seconded by Darnell, and the motion passed with one abstention by Hessel.

Adjournment

Dill called for a motion to adjourn. Reynolds made the motion, seconded by Hessel, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Thomas, Secretary