

TOWN OF LANCASTER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Town Hall Auditorium
June 26, 2018

Members Present: Chairman Stevens, Tom Christopher, James Lavallee and Bonnie Mae Smith

Also Present: David Koonce, Conservation Agent

List of Documents:

- Conservation Commission Agenda for June 26, 2018
- Letter from Caron Environmental Consulting dated June 26, 2018-Review of Wetland Delineation Crescent Builders/Sterling Road re DEP File #193-0550
- Map of Wetland Delineation Plan off Sterling Road prepared by GLM Engineering consultants Inc. dated May 21, 2018 re DEP File #193-0550
- Draft Minutes – June 12, 2018

There being a quorum present, Chairman Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Public Hearing – Notice of Intent; Schuffels Family Irrevocable Trust; 364 Bolton Road

Present: Steve Sears, David E. Ross Associates, Inc., representing Applicant

At 7:02 PM Chairman Stevens read aloud a Notice of Public Hearing thereby convening a public hearing to consider the Notice of Intent; Schuffels Family Irrevocable Trust; 364 Bolton Road.

Mr. Sears said a house exists that failed a Title V. They are proposing installation of a new system in compliance with Title V. According to Mr. Sears, there has been a mis-understanding and construction of the new system inadvertently started without approval of the Conservation Commission, but he had the work stopped pending issuance of the Order of Conditions. Agent Koonce reported he has visited the site, the erosion control barrier has been installed, and the work has not impacted any wetland resource areas.

Mr. Sears said the new system will stay at least fifty feet from the top bank, which is the mean annual high-water mark. There will be no removal of vegetation.

Agent Koonce expressed concern that the new system will be located entirely within the floodplain of the Nashua River, and asked whether the system might be damaged by a flood. Mr. Sears responded that modern septic systems are easily able to withstand inundation. He said that while some contents of the leach field will likely be released into the environment if flooded, neither it nor any other part of the system should be damaged in any way, and the system should continue to function normally during and after the flood event.

At 7:12 PM James Lavallee made a motion to close the hearing. Bonnie Mae Smith seconded the motion. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

At 7:13 PM James Lavallee made a motion to issue a Negative Determination of the Order of Conditions. Bonnie Mae Smith seconded the motion. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

Public Hearing (cont'd) – Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation; Crescent Builders, Inc.; Off Sterling Road (Assessor's Map 41, Lot 34B)

Present: Iqbal Ali, Crescent Builders, Applicant

Joyce Hastings, GLM Engineering Consultants Inc., representing Applicant.

Charles Caron, Caron Environmental Consulting, reviewed the wetland delineation at the above site. Two site reviews were conducted with Mr. Caron and Joyce Hastings from GLM Engineering Consultants. The following changes were made:

- Flags 18-28 to 18-31 were re-delineated, and expanded with Flags 18-600 to 18-609.
- Flag 18-38 was moved out 15'.
- Flag 18-54 was moved out 15'.
- There is a vegetated wetland (which appears bordering) just off the property near the southeast corner of the site. This area was delineated with Flags 18-501 to 18-504.
- Flag 18-63 was added to extend the delineation up to the property line.
- Flag A to C were added to extend the delineation up to the property line.
- Flag 18-126 was moved out 12'.
- Flag 18-125 was moved out 15'.
- Flag 18-143 was moved out 10'.

At 7:40pm Tom Christopher made a motion to close the hearing. Bonnie Mae Smith seconded the motion. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

At 7:42pm Tom Christopher mad a motion to approve the ANRAD as submitted to include Mr. Caron's letter. Bonnie Mae Smith seconded the motion. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

Public Hearing (cont'd) – Notice of Intent; Onyx Corporation; 2680 North Main Street

Agent Koonce reported that he has heard nothing from either the Applicant or his representative since the hearing was last continued on June 12.

At 7:44pm Tom Christopher made a motion to close the hearing. James Lavallee seconded the motion. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

At 7:45pm Tom Christopher made a motion to deny the application on the basis the information the Conservation Commission has requested has not been supplied so the Commission could make a formal decision. James Lavallee seconded the motion. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

New Business

James Lavallee introduced Donald Chaisson who has expressed interest in joining the Conservation Commission. Tom Christopher explained Mr. Chaisson would have to write a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission would make a recommendation.

Items for Approval and /or Signature

- Certificate of Compliance 193-0433- **Tom Christopher made a motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance and direct Agent Koonce to release it when he has been advised and has verified the silt fence has been removed. James Lavallee seconded the motion. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.**
- Extension 193-0503 – **James Lavallee made a motion to extend the Order of Conditions for one (1) year. Bonnie Mae Smith seconded the motion. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.**
- Lancaster Town Forest Expansion Phase II Baseline Documentation Report – The Commission signed the document.
- Lancaster Town Forest Expansion Phase II Reimbursement Request – Chairman Nate Stevens signed the document.

Minutes

James Lavallee made a motion to approve the minutes of June 12, 2018 with changes discussed by the Commission. Bonnie Mae Smith seconded the motion. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

Adjourn

At 8:48 PM Tom Christopher made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Bonnie Mae Smith seconded the motion. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra Dennis, Office Manager