

Minutes  
Lee Conservation Commission  
Town Hall 32 Main Street Meeting Room  
Wednesday July 5, 2023 7:00 PM

Commissioners Present: Kathy Arment, chair; John Philpott; Marilyn Hansen; Toni Thomas; Mark Navin

Commissioners Absent: John Coty, Jr.; Stu Dalheim; Clare Lahey, alternate

Members of the Public Present: Timothy and Diane Williams; Don Latino; Jan Cimini; Linda Cysr, Lee Land Trust; William Bartlett, Mike Kulig, Berkshire Engineering; Shannon Boomsma, White Engineering

**White Engineering 183 Chanterwood Drive Discussion of the SMA #23 Order of Conditions issued in April to Peter Levy** Ms. Boomsma presented. The driveway has been constructed and the owners now would like to take down 21 saplings with entangled vines to open up the view. If these are taken down, it would still be under the limit that SMA allows to be removed. The trees have little canopy at the present time. The slope of the area is steep—one area a 20’ drop. No roots or stumps will be removed. New sprouts can come from those. The Commission is concerned about the slope and the fact that it takes a long time for sprouts to grow into trees with canopy. The birch trees will fill out more if the vines are taken out. Also, there is a concern about the wildlife habitat. The Commission notes that if the vines are removed the trees will be less stressed and grow faster providing more canopy. It was noted that this issue should have been considered before the Order of Conditions was issued.

**Motion by Ms. Arment with a second by Mr. Navin to approve the cutting of the vines ONLY that are entangling the trees but not to remove the saplings because of the canopy they do and will provide and wildlife habitat.**

**VOTE:** Ms. Arment, aye                      Mr. Navin, aye                      Ms. Hansen, aye  
                 Ms. Thomas, aye                      Mr. Philpott, aye

**Unanimous approval**

**Notice of Intent Timothy Williams 1375 & 1395 Cape Street Map 21 Lots 21, 22 DEP# 196-pending** Mr. Bartlett presented. The entire property is in the riverfront. There is a 75’ zoning setback in the front. The flood plain was marked on the plan using the FEMA maps. There is existing degrading, and some of the area was missing vegetation back at least as far as 1995. Nothing was stated about the rest of the area. There is one large area of excavation. The building will not be in the flood plain. The tree line will not be disturbed.

**Motion by Ms. Arment with a second by Mr. Philpott to continue to the next meeting of July 19, 2023 due to lack of a DEP number.**

**VOTE:** Ms. Arment, aye                      Mr. Navin, aye                      Ms. Hansen, aye  
                 Ms. Thomas, aye                      Mr. Philpott, aye

**Unanimous approval**

**Request for Determination of Applicability Janette Cimini 49 Chanterwood Road Map 27 Lot 20 Installation of a seasonal dock** Ms. Cimini presented. The dock will be composed of six separate aluminum sections. The posts will rest on naturally occurring rocks along the shoreline and underwater. They will not penetrate the lake bottom. It will extend 24’

into the water and its height will be 12” above the mean high-water level. The dock will be assembled and placed in the water in mid spring and removed in the fall. A 5’ public access to walk past/around the dock is provided.

**Motion by Mr. Philpott with a second by Ms. Arment to issue a Negative 2 Determination of Applicability.**

**VOTE: Ms. Arment, aye**

**Mr. Navin, aye**

**Ms. Hansen, aye**

**Ms. Thomas, aye**

**Mr. Philpott aye**

**Unanimous approval**

Mr. Kulig had questions about the property at 161 East Center Street He is preparing a NOI for this property. Discussion about the wetland area.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM

Documents: Order of Conditions 183 Chanterwood Drive; Notice of Intent Timothy Williams 1375 & 1395 Cape Street; Request for Determination of Applicability Janette Cimini 49 Chanterwood Rd. Map 27 Lot 20. New SMA RDA for review.