

Lee Conservation Commission
Minutes of 6/17/13 Meeting

Present: Kathy Arment, Chair, John Coty, John Philpott, Marilyn Hansen and Anne Langlais

Ms. Arment opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Mick Callahan re: 240 Housatonic St., Old Mobil Station: Ron Fortune of Consulting & Design, LLC, and Mr. Callahan's consultant attended. Mr. Callahan gave an update of the project to the Commission. It looks like they are getting close to completing the clean-up. The discussion proceeded to redevelopment of the property. They are looking at amending the current Notice of Intent (NOI) since you can't have more than one NOI open at any one time. Mr. Callahan felt submitting a new NOI would take a lot more time than just amending the NOI. Ms. Hansen wondered if DEP would allow a Request for Determination to be submitted for this property. Ms. Garry will contact Mark Stinson, DEP, to see the best way to proceed.

Lee DPW re: A Request for Determination for Tyringham Rd replacement of water main and related work: Steve Mack, Foresight Engineering, representing the Town. The work will begin just over the bridge and run 1350' to 3rd St. Bridge will not be affected. Existing water main, of various sizes, will be replaced with new 8" main. The project will be put out to bid this summer and they are hoping the project will be done by Dec. to coincide with the Tyringham Rd project. Water line is on river side of the road. There will be a total of 4 water mains. Erosion control will be silt fencing. They will be crossing the road at 3rd St. to provide a stub for future expansion. They will be replacing all services and shut-offs to the houses. Ms. Arment motioned to close the public hearing and issue a negative #2, seconded by Ms. Langlais, vote unanimous.

Ms. Arment made a motion to accept the minutes of 6/3/13, as written, seconded by Mr. Coty, vote unanimous.

Ms. Arment made a motion to keep the operating (fee) budget for FY 2014 the same as FY 2013, seconded by Mr. Philpott, vote unanimous.

Mr. Philpott informed the Commission that he had attended a MACC seminar. There are 3 points he wanted to make: 1) Many towns require applicants to provide money so that the Commission can hire their own consultants to review projects. 2) It is very important to have a close relationship with the planning board and building inspector. 3) Mr. Stinson, DEP, provided a brochure that covers an overview of the Wetlands Protection Act and other information that would be helpful to the public. Ms. Garry will get copies out to the Commissioners.

Don Torrico, Building Inspector: He came in to discuss the electronic permitting process and to see how the Commission was dealing with it. The Commission explained to him

that they had set-up a trial process and will review it after a couple of months to see if it is effective.

Richard Kirby, Broadway Electric re: A Request for Determination for installation of a photovoltaic solar array at 201 Woodland Rd. Mr. Philpott had reviewed the site and there were no resource areas at the project site. Ms. Arment made a motion to close the public hearing and issue a negative determination #1, seconded by Mr. Coty, vote was unanimous.

Jan Wood re: 13 Chanterwood Rd: She was representing Chuck Auster, owner of property who had been issued an Enforcement Order. The issue was building a dock/decking without permits. She was told that paperwork was required for the Wetlands Protection Act, a state waterways permit and a building permit. It was recommended that she hire an engineering company to help her through the process. Joe Burke was the contractor for the project.

Big Y: re: Request for Certificate of Compliance: the Commission will do a site inspection on 6/20/13 @ 6:00 PM.

John Economou, 2120 Cape St: re: building of stone wall. A Request for Determination was filed for stone wall work within 60' of a pond. Mr. Dalheim inspected the site and said it was a flat area. Mr. Economou wasn't sure if it would be a poured foundation or hand dug. Ms. Hansen suggested he pay attention to the drainage and to make sure that abutters were not affected by it. Mr. Coty made a motion to issue a negative #2, with 2 conditions; 1) that before and after pictures are taken and 2) That sufficient hay bales are used to prevent erosion from getting into the pond. The motion seconded by Ms. Arment, vote unanimous.

Ms. Arment made a motion to close the meeting at 9:00 PM, seconded by Ms. Langlais, vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah Garry
Administrative Assistant

Office Duty:

7/8 MH
7/22 JP
7/29 JC
8/12 AL
8/26 RA
9/3 SD (9/2 is Labor Day)
9/16 MH