

Minutes

Lee Conservation Commission

Lee Town Hall Land Use Office

Wednesday March 2, 2016

Commissioners Present: Kathy Arment, Chair; Stu Dalheim; John Philpot; John Coty, Jr.; Marilyn Hansen; James Wickham

Members of the Public Present: Joseph Janis; Rich Brazeau, DCR Engineering; Matt Puntin, SK Design; Marc DiGrigoli

- **Continued Notice of Intent William H. and Ellen R. Apfel 460 Cooper Creek Road DEP #196-0429 Construction of a single family house and related site work** Mr. Janis submitted a letter of concern signed by 8 people re the cutting of trees on the lake front. He would like specific language in the Order of Conditions as to how many trees can be removed, as to tree replanting, tree limbing, etc. Three Commissioners have visited the site and it was stated that the trees being taken out are dead or dying. The Commission has asked that a minimum of cutting be done. Mr. Janis asked about the limbing up of trees that is proposed. The plan states that “every tree can be limbed up.” He was concerned about this. The dock was discussed. The length is most likely needed because the lake is shallow in the area of the proposed dock. There is no mention of spacing of the boards in the dock. Conditions to the Order were discussed including the trees, shrubs, dock and access ways. **Motion made and seconded to approve the Notice of Intent with these conditions:** Any trees or shrubs that are dead can be removed but need to be replaced with like kind; any mountain laurel that is removed must be replaced by like kind; limbing up is permitted only on the access corridors; straw wattles are to be put at the access areas during the tree cutting and trimming; the existing lake access is to be contained in the existing corridor and no greater than 25’ wide; the dock access corridor is not to exceed 4’ in width; “vista pruning is to be the selective thinning of tree branches or understory shrubs to establish a specific ‘window’ to improve visibility. There is to be no cutting of trees that would reduce the leaf canopy to less than 90% of the existing aerial coverage of tree canopy.” (SMA 2.44) There is to be no beach sand. There is to be ¾” spacing of the dock planks to allow light to go into the pond. Any portion of the dock that is still in the water after the drawdown is to be removed for the drawdown period. **Motion unanimously approved Motion made and seconded to close the hearing. Unanimously approved**
- **Request for Determination of Applicability Louis and Joyce DiGrigoli 51 Chanterwood Road for cutting of trees around the existing house and for construction of both a pressure treated dock and an aluminum dock** Mr. DiGrigoli presented the plan. There are trees by the house that are dead or diseased. They would like to remove these leaving the stumps in place. There is currently a dock on site but they would like to replace it with a pressure treated dock and an aluminum addition dock. The dock will be above the water at all times; the wooden portion

supported by rocks. There was a discussion as to the need for a Notice of Intent. Also, the NHESP letter stated that a review from MESA was needed for the project. There were questions as to the MESA review and research will be done. The Commission would like to look at the site and a site visit was scheduled for Saturday. The RDA will be continued until the Wednesday, March 16, 2016 meeting at 7:15 PM.

- **Schermerhorn Road reconstruction Discussion of material changes to the project** Mr. Brazeau presenting. The changes are mainly in the materials being permitted for the road. The first change would be the elimination of the catch basin hoods. The second is the installation of deep sump pump catch basins. Both of these are used on urban roadways but not on rural roadways. Also, reinforced concrete drainage pipe instead of the ductile iron pipe that was designed would be used. The reasons for the changes were stated. The letter pertaining to the changes and the designs are on file with the Commission. **The Commission gave their approval.**
- **Discussion of tree cutting on/by 36 Chanterwood Road** Mr. Puntin of SK Design presented a map of the area. The area has been subdivided into 5 lots on Chanter Road with the approval of the Town. There was work done on the road to open it up; as of now it is a town road but will eventually be a 20' wide private road for 2-way traffic that will connect to Chanterwood Road. The owner of the lots and the road has no permits from the Commission for either any wetland issues or for the Scenic Mountain Act. All clearing needs to be stopped; applications for permits need to be filed with the Commission.
- **Other: Goose Pond Drawdown** There is to be a joint commission (Lee and Tyringham) to look into the drawdown and drawdown permits. Ken Wagner will be in touch with the commissions.
- **Motion made and seconded to approve the February 17, 2016 meeting. Unanimous approval.**
- **Motion made and seconded to close the meeting at 8:34 PM. Unanimously approved**

Respectfully submitted:
Kathleen Vsetecka