

## Minutes

Lee Conservation Commission

Land Use Room Town Hall 32 Main St.

Wednesday May 4, 2016

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

Commissioners Absent: Stu Dalheim

Members of the Public Present: Matt Puntin, SK Design Group; Ed Lahey; Claire Lahey; Holly Petell; Mark Petell; Sarah Schultz, Goose Pond Maintenance District; Diane Shepardson; Jason Newton; William Crawford; Donna Crawford; Dave Durante; James Castronova; Emily Stockman, Stockman Associates, LLC; Steven Campbell, Greenwood Energy; Briony Angus, Tighe & Bond.

- **Continued Notice of Intent Mary Lee Johansen Longcope Park DEP #196-0427 Construction of a footbridge** Ms Johansen has been in contact with Chris Johnson, Scout Master. Devon Katt, a member of Troop #3, will be in charge of the project. Matt Puntin will be the engineer on site for guidance, safety and security. The work will probably start in mid June. Before that time the Commission would like to meet Devon and will need to have all of the information re the construction of the bridge. **Motion made and seconded to continue the Notice of Intent with the applicant's consent to the May 18, 2016 meeting at 7 PM. Unanimous approval**
- **Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes to the April 20, 2016 meeting with corrections. Unanimous approval**
- **Continued Request for Determination of Applicability Louis and Joyce DiGrigoli 51 Chanterwood Road Cutting of trees around existing house; construction of both a pressure treated dock and an aluminum dock** Mr. DiGrigoli requested a continuance to the May 28, 2017 meeting. **Motion made and seconded to continue the Request for Determination of Applicability with the applicant's consent to the May 18, 2016 meeting at 7:15 PM. Unanimous approval**
- **Continued Request for Determination of Applicability TEC Associates Housatonic Railroad right-of-ways Vegetation control** Applicant requested a continuance to the June 1, 2016 meeting . **Motion made and seconded to continue the Request for Determination of Applicability with the applicant's consent to the June 1, 2016 meeting . Unanimous approval**
- **Scenic Mountains Act Notice of Intent Barrister Builders 36 Chanter Road SMA-12 Upgrading of Chanter Road in accordance with Town of Lee Subdivision Standards** Mr. Puntin stated that the property has been sold. The new owner's intent is to build one house on the property. (The property has been subdivided into 7 lots.) The legal road frontage for the

property is Chanter Road. The new owner, Tom Donofrio, is researching the legalities of the access to the property. In walking the property, Mr. Puntin noted 10 stumps of trees that had been cut without a permit that were approximately 10" in diameter; saplings had also been cut. Since there is no definite plan from the new owner, the Commission's view is to do nothing until such plans are confirmed. **Motion to continued the SMA Notice of Intent with the applicant's consent to the June 1, 2016 meeting at 7:15 PM. Unanimous approval**

- Mr. Puntin requested guidance on SMA permitting of a new building being erected behind existing buildings at 343 Forest Street. The consensus was to have him submit an application for the May 18, 2016 meeting.
- **Request for Determination of Applicability Goose Pond Management District Goose Pond Hand harvesting of Eurasian water milfoil and any other known invasive plant species that might invade the pond** Mr. Philpott recused himself. The Order of Conditions for weed treatment has expired and a new Notice of Intent will be filed soon. The hand harvesting/pulling is a minor activity and will be done in small areas. The weeds will be disposed of off site. People who are knowledgeable in hand pulling will be conducting the activity. **Motion made and seconded to issue a negative determination #2. Unanimous approval** Mr. Philpott returned
- **Discussion of solar array Willow Hill Road** A group of concerned abutters have hired Ms. Stockman of Stockman Associates to assess the area for wetlands and other resource areas. Ms. Stockman just met with them and walked the area on Tuesday. There is an unnamed tributary to Washington Brook which is an intermittent stream on the abutters' properties. Ms. Stockman explained the regulations concerning the designation of this. There is an adjacent wetland to this stream. Mr. Campbell stated that the solar project had been sold to Greenwood Energy, the company he is representing. All of the necessary permits for the project have been obtained. The intent is to stay out of any area that is jurisdictional under the Wetland Protection Act. There will be no clearing or grubbing of the entire southern slope. Stumps from the trees that are cut will be left. The original panels on the top of the hill will be replaced by others, and because of the higher output of the modules being used, less panels will be needed. Grasses, bushes and screening will be done. This is the only section with tree cutting. As long as there is work on the cap a representative of Tighe & Bond will be on site as well as a civil engineer. Ms. Angus of Tighe & Bond explained their report and why no application was submitted to the Commission. A representative of Tighe & Bond and Ms. Stockman will go on site and agree on the wetland delineation/buffer zone. There is still concern on the part of the abutters about the leaching and erosion. Ms. Vsetecka will contact Mr. Stinson of DEP about this and any other issues of the Commission. Ms. Stockman will contact Ms. Vsetecka in the office about a site visit.
- **Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM. Unanimous approval**

Respectfully submitted: Kathleen Vsetecka

