

Minutes
Lee Conservation Commission
Town Hall 32 Main Street Meeting Room
Wednesday August 16, 2023 7:00 PM

Commissioners Present: Kathy Arment, Chair; John Philpott: John Coty, Jr.; Marilyn Hansen; Mark Navin; Toni Thomas

Commissioners Absent: Stu Dalheim; Clare Lahey, alternate

Members of the Public Present: Casey Glenar; Henry Gluck Berkshire Hills Leisure Lee; William Bartlett, Berkshire Engineering; Roger Sheurer, Denise Sheurer, Tom Scheurer, Laurel Lake Preservation; Bryan Siter, Foresight Land Services

Casey Glenar Questions re building a garage in the flood plain Ms. Glenar had questions as to what is required to be allowed to build a garage on her property at 1675 Pleasant Street. The Commission shared with her the need for her to hire a wetland engineer to determine if building the garage is feasible and if so, do a plan and file a Notice of Intent for her.

Henry Gluck Tree removal Leisure Lee parking area Mr. Gluck presented the request for removing 4-5 dead trees near the beach parking lot. The handyman from the community would take down the trees. Pictures of the trees were shown—the trees need to be marked and inspected for any infection. The Commission stated that a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) will need to be filed. The RDA should contain the location of the trees and their distance to the lake, the procedure for removing and disposing of the trees and other related items.

Notice of Intent Kasey Brunell 161 East Center Street DEP #196-0487 Restore disturbed area, landscaping Mr. Bartlett presented. Four Hundred and twenty (420) sq. ft. of the property were found as wetlands. Permanent markers were installed showing the 5 locations of the wetlands. To restore an resource area vegetation lost by mowing will consist of changing the surface cover with wetland vegetation. The date of the plantings will be in the fall of 2023 or spring of 2024—the date will be up to the applicant and/or her representative. There will be 2 seasons of observations.

Motion by Mr. Coty with a second by Mr. Navin approve the Notice of Intent DEP #196-0487 with Lee Standard Conditions and two seasons of observation of wetland/lawn regrowth with replanting in the fall of 2023 or the spring of 2024.

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

Unanimous approval

Extension of Orders of Conditions Laurel Lake Preservation Association DEP #196-0449 3-year extension Mr. Roger Sheurer and Mr. Siter present. Last year a plan was submitted for a 5-foot drawdown. This is still being pursued but is not an option at this time. The extension requested now is to extend the Order of Conditions allowing a 3-foot drawdown for the next 3 years. Lenox as approved this extension.

Motion by Mr. Navin with a second by Mr. Philpott to approve the Extension Request for the Order of Conditions DEP #196-0449 allowing for a 3 foot drawdown.

VOTE Ms. Arment, aye	Mr. Philpott, aye	Mr. Coty, aye	Mr. Navin, aye
Ms. Hansen, aye	Ms. Thomas, aye		

Unanimous approval

Tom Farley Tree removal at 5 Chanterwood and the Old Chanterwood Inn

Mr. Farley would like to remove a total of 12 trees; 6 are on his property (5 Chanterwood Road) and 6 are in the buffer zone of the second property (1 Chanterwood Road). Those on his property are leaning and threatening his cottage. Those on the other property are leaning, diseased or threatening life and property. The stumps will remain, the wood will be used as firewood. The Commission had concerns as to the tree canopy, the property lines and the conditions of the trees. A Request for Determination has to be filed for each of the properties and the Commission requests a letter of permission from the owner of 1 Chanterwood.

35 Limestone Road Mr. Siter explained that the two lots are being sold together. The owner would like a letter regarding the wetlands stating if there is any issue with them being encroached upon in the past, etc. The Commission explained that there must be due diligence by the buyer—the Commission cannot give any definitive answer about the wetlands.

Minutes of the May 17, 2023, July 5, 2023, July 19, 2023 and August 2, 2023 were approved.