

Lee Conservation Commission
Minutes of 7/15/13 Meeting

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

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

7:00 Broadway Electric 385 Pleasant St Re: Public hearing for a Request for Determination of Applicability to determine if resource areas depicted on the plans are accurate as delineated. Richard Kirby of LEC Environmental Consultants, Inc. represented the applicant. Mr. Kirby reviewed the site plans by pointing out the resource areas and their boundaries. The entire site is within the floodplain of the Housatonic River. Ms. Hansen advised Mr. Kirby that once they lower the elevation there is a good chance that the area will revert back to having standing water in the spring and in times of heavy rain. She wanted Mr. Kirby to be aware of that. He said he would advise the engineers so that they take that into consideration when they design the system. Mr. Bill Enser (Lee DPW) attended the meeting. He had some questions for Mr. Kirby. #1) "Originally the Town was told that it would be a 1000 Kw system and now it is down to a 750 Kw system, why?" #2) "WMECO owns the transformer that is in the treatment plant. After the array is installed the Town will own the transformer, why?" Mr. Kirby's answer to question #1 was: "Because of an isolated wetland which would require Army Corp of Engineers permitting." Answer to question #2 was: "He didn't have an answer to that question." Mr. Kirby suggested that Mr. Enser email him with these questions and he would get back to him. Mr. Philpott asked what these questions have to do with Conservation Commission issues. Mr. Enser said nothing but this is the first public hearing and the DPW wanted to have this information in the minutes. Ms. Arment asked that the Commission be copied on any and all emails that go back and forth between Mr. Kirby and Mr. Enser relative to this site. Ms. Arment made a motion to issue a positive #1 for the RDA, seconded by Mr. Coty, vote unanimous. Ms. Arment made a second motion to accept Bordering Vegetative Wetland delineation flags #1 - #6 and to accept the Bordering Land Subject to Flooding delineation as it varies from elevation 861-863. The public hearing was closed.

Betnr Construction re: 4 Limestone Rd building permit sign-off. Mr. Allan Carver was representing Betnr Construction. CTSB is looking to build a new building on this site. Mr. Coty was unsure of the resource areas limits relative to where the new building would be sited. Mr. Carver came in with building plan and site plans so the Commission could review. The size of the retention area was discussed. Mr. Carver said that the retention area was built to accommodate a 23,000 sq. ft. build out of impervious area and CTSB's project would be about 14,000 sq. ft. for building and parking area. There won't be any additional retention areas on the site. Solids will be removed from run-off by running over the lawn area for as long as possible before entering the retention area. According to the plans the build will be out of any resource area. Mr. Coty signed off on the building permit, no jurisdiction.

Old Castle 110 Marble St Re: building permit sign-off. Mr. Coty signed off on a demolition permit for Old Castle, no jurisdiction.

DEP brochure: A discussion of what to include and what not to include from the brochure on the Town web site was held. It was decided to postpone putting anything on the Town web site at this point.

Ms. Langlais and Mr. Philpott will jointly review the redevelopment of the old Texaco site by F.L. Roberts on Housatonic St.

Mr. Philpott was wondering where he could find a schedule of DEP fees for our projects. Ms. Garry will look into and get information to the Commission.

Ms. Arment made a motion to accept the minutes of 7/1/13, as written, seconded by Mr. Coty, vote unanimous.

Ms. Arment made a motion to close the meeting at 8:30 PM, seconded by Mr. Philpott, vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,
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