

Minutes

Lee Conservation Commission

32 Main Street Lee Town Hall

Wednesday March 18, 2015 7:00 PM

Commissioners Present: Kathy Arment, chair; John Philpott; James Wickham; Stu Dalheim

Commissioners Absent: John Coty; Marilyn Hansen

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM

7:00 PM **Request for Determination of Applicability Harold Sherman 505 Laurel Street Reconstruction of and improvements to garage**

Mr. Sherman stated that the detached garage was severely damaged when struck by a vehicle in September of 2004. It has since been demolished. The existing slab from the old garage which is built on 4 foot footings will be kept and there will be an extension to the slab done. This will have a reinforced haunched edge around the perimeter which will be 10 inches thick at the slab edge. Helical screws will be used for piers that will help support it; there will also be pressure treated wood grade beams. Excavation will require an approximately 20 inch trough partially around the perimeter for the edge of the new slab, the beam and the drainage fill. The adjacent existing parking area which was surfaced with driveway mix will be replaced with approximately 8 inches of compacted crushed stone. The garage is 65 feet from Laurel Lake. The pre-existing non-conformity of the lot, house and garage is on the road-side. The Commission pointed out a need for erosion controls.

Motion to issue a negative determination #3 with the following conditions: a silt fence with hay bales be installed; the Commission to be called to do a site visit before cement is poured; before and after pictures be taken and submitted to the Commission. Motion seconded and approved unanimously.

7:15 PM Minutes of the March 4, 2015

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 4 2015 minutes was made and seconded. Unanimous approval.

7:20 PM **Other**

1. Merrell Inn. The Commission has received reports of violations at 1565 Pleasant Street. The reports received via DEP stated that tree cutting had been done, there were large brush piles, a bulldozer had worked in the area, etc. The Inn was purchased by a group which is in the process of turning it over to the Marion Missionaries of Divine Mercy. Fr. Michael Gaitley of the Marian Fathers, Br. David Guza of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary, and Lewis Brooks who is the contact person for the group, came to discuss the issue. Br. Guza stated that he cleared out the brush that was on the ground, cut off dead tree branches and moved leaves to make the brush piles. He also stated that he had cut down a tree by the river that had

most of the branches already off and appeared to be dead/dying, as well as another tree. In January he did use a backhoe to remove rocks that appeared to be a hazard to mowing the lawn. He was thinking of using these to make a retaining wall. The Commission stated that a Request for Determination should be filed with a plan as to what he wanted to do. They also stated that all work should be stopped, that the Wetland Protection Act should be read, that the piles of leaves and brush could be burned with a fire permit, and that when the snow was gone a site visit should be done by the Commission. Once an application is submitted they will be on the agenda for April 1, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

2. Mr. Philpott asked that a file be made of all RDAs, NOIs and Bldg. sign-offs.

Motion made at 8:05 PM to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded and approved unanimously.

The next scheduled meeting is on April 1, 2015.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Vsetecka