

Town of Lakeville
Conservation Commission
Tuesday January 26, 2021
7:00 pm – Remote meeting

Members present: Chairman Robert Bouchard, Joseph Chamberlain, John LeBlanc, Josh Faherty, and Nancy Yeatts. This was a remote meeting and recorded by LakeCam.

6 Margeaux Drive – RDA, Lenza – Zenith Consulting Engineers. Nyles Zager from Zenith was present for discussion.

Upon a motion made by Member LeBlanc, seconded by Member Chamberlain, it was:

Voted: to accept the revised plans for 6 Margeaux Drive.

Unanimous approval.

This is a septic repair plan for a failed system completely in the water table. There are a few resource areas they are contending with. There is a top of bank/stream from the Cedar Swamp, an associated bordering vegetated wetland (BVW) that is wetland flags 1-4, and an approximate flood zone boundaries Zone A, Zone X. All are delineated on the plan. The main revision is due to the Board of Health's concern about water table, and separation of water table with the proposed system. They were asking for a groundwater variance that the proposed Presby system allows, but the Board of Health didn't feel comfortable granting the variance. They shifted the system further up the slope (from 98 in the back yard to 101 towards the northern property line. They used the same Presby system giving the separation but they sloped the system. The only portion of work within the buffer zone, within any limit is the 1,500-gallon two compartment septic tank. For buoyancy purposes it is H2O and monolithic. They are proposing a silt sock outside the riparian zone and a dewatering basin. Member Chamberlain asked how long the original system was in place before failing. Mr. Zager said he believed it was the 90's, so probably about 20 years.

Chairman Bouchard stepped away from the meeting.

Member Yeatts said they were putting in a Presby system, and they were doing the best they could. Member Chamberlain agreed stating it was a tough area to work in with extremely tough soils. Member Knox said he agreed with the rest of the Board and that the new system was designed to be as far away from the resource area as possible.

Upon a motion made by Member Yeatts, seconded by Member Chamberlain, it was:

Voted: to issue a negative three determination with the condition that they call to have the hay bale line inspected, and pending approval from Board of Health.

Chairman Bouchard returned to the meeting.

Unanimous approval.

43D Committee update – Chairman Bouchard said they were waiting for plan revisions. The next meeting will be on February 4th. Member Knox said they shifted the schedule so there may be some conservation related items on February 4th so he thought it would be wise for the Commission to attend even though they don't need to vote or make any motions, just so they don't miss any information. On

the concurrent meeting they would be able to act because public hearing would be back open because that's when Conservation continued to, from a legality standpoint. Member LeBlanc asked if it would be a Conservation meeting. Member Knox said they wouldn't open the meeting, but you would want to attend so you didn't miss any of the public hearing information. Member Yeatts asked if it would be a posted meeting. Chairman Bouchard said all the meetings are posted. She said if they post a Conservation meeting, then they have to open it. Chairman Bouchard said, no if it's continued you don't. Member Knox said he thought everyone should try to attend just because of the magnitude of the project. There was a brief discussion about the meeting date.

Approval of meeting minutes -

- November 10, 2020
Upon a motion made by Member Chamberlain, seconded by Member LeBlanc, it was:
Voted: to accept the meeting minutes from November 10, 2020.
Unanimous approval.
- November 24, 2020
Upon a motion made by Member Chamberlain, seconded by Member LeBlanc, it was:
Voted: to accept the meeting minutes from November 24, 2020.
Unanimous approval.

Flood Plain By-Law – Member Knox asked to speak about the Flood Plain By-Law. Member Yeatts said she had reviewed it. Since Wareham had the first Flood Plain By-Law in the state, she was going to look at that and Martha's Vineyard as well. Member Knox said the town needs to adopt something on this town meeting. He thought it wasn't just a Planning Board responsibility and he wanted to make sure Conservation was involved. There was a brief discussion. Member LeBlanc asked if they were trying to pass a by-law for this year regarding the flood plain. Member Knox said yes, it has to or people won't get flood insurance. Member LeBlanc wanted to know what changed so people can't get flood insurance all of a sudden.

(Chairman Bouchard left the meeting and Vice-Chairman Joe Chamberlain took over the meeting)

Member Knox responded that FEMA re-drew everything and now there's a 20-page document that's going to become a new by-law in town. It's a requirement to make everyone have flood insurance that is within a flood zone. Member Chamberlain said basically every town, every city, has the same thing, this is the suggested wording. Member Knox said that was correct. Member LeBlanc asked if people who are getting flood insurance now will not be able to. Member Knox responded, only if we don't pass this. There was a brief discussion.

Adjournment – (7:38pm)

Upon a motion made by Member Chamberlain, seconded by Member LeBlanc it was:

Voted: to adjourn.

Unanimous approval.