

Town of Lakeville  
Conservation Commission  
February 8, 2022 7pm

Members present: Chairman Bob Bouchard, John LeBlanc, Fred Frodyma, Joseph Chamberlain, Nancy Yeatts, and Mark Knox. Members absent: Josh Faherty. This was a remote meeting recorded by LakeCam.

**14 Rush Pond Rd** - NOI - Zenith Consulting Engineers. Jamie Bissonnette from Zenith was present for discussion. The applicant would like to add a garage to the north side of his property which is within 100' of Rush Pond. The garage is to be added to the existing three-bedroom dwelling. There will be some modifications to the driveway itself and also to the grading on the side of the driveway. There are some trees that will need to be taken down. They are proposing a silt sock to wrap around the limit of the work. As part of this plan, there is a septic upgrade repair, but the work for that falls beyond the 100' buffer zone. Mr. Bissonnette has been speaking with the applicant about the side and he does want to put in a retaining wall; and then maybe a terraced wall. Since they do not have a DEP file number yet, they would like to continue to allow them time to modify the plan to show a terraced wall system. They would like to come back to the next meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> to complete the presentation and hopefully get approval. Member LeBlanc asked if they planned to do the septic in the meantime. Mr. Bissonnette said he wasn't sure how quickly they planned to do the septic. Member LeBlanc said if they are going to do the septic the silt fence should be installed. Mr. Bissonnette said he could let the applicant know that this is what the Commission would like to see. Member Chamberlain said terracing is a great idea since there is about a 40' drop. Mr. Bissonnette said there is quite a drop, a little less than 30'. There is already a 3:1 slope roughly. They were looking to increase the steepness of it, but also put stabilization on top of it. This will give the applicant more usability over on the side to get around his house. They want to do what makes sense for the environment, but also what his client is looking to do. Member Yeatts said her main concern was the tree line. The tree line after they have taken all the vegetation off the steep slope. She was happy to hear they were going to propose some terracing. Mr. Bissonnette said he didn't think it would change the limit of work. He said when they have a slope like this, the walls need to be buried pretty deep. He believed this would offer them some flat areas and the vertical walls will help them do that. He just wasn't sure how much relief they would get further away from the resource. Member Yeatts said she wasn't looking for relief from the resource area, she was just looking at removing all that vegetation without doing something to stabilize the bank. Mr. Bissonnette said this will definitely stabilize where they work. Member Knox said he thought the stabilization process with the retaining wall was a great idea. That possibly changes the limit of the work, and that will be shown when they come back, if it is anticipated there will be more impact toward the resource area. He asked that if a small retaining block wall is used, that it is included in the filing. Mr. Bissonnette said he thought something like a Redi-Rock style block would be his guess but he can add a cross-section detail for the next meeting.

Upon a motion made by Member LeBlanc, seconded by Member Knox, it was:  
Voted: to continue 14 Rush Pond Rd to the February 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.  
Unanimous approval.

**Striar property** - Member Yeatts asked if they could continue the discussion.

**Adjournment** - (7:12pm)

Upon a motion made by Member LeBlanc, seconded by Member Yeatts, it was:  
Voted: to adjourn.  
Unanimous approval.