

Town of Lakeville  
Conservation Commission  
October 11, 2022 at 7pm

Members present: Chairman Robert Bouchard, Nancy Yeatts, Joseph Chamberlain, Josh Faherty, and John LeBlanc. Members absent: Mark Knox. Chairman Bouchard called the meeting to order at 7pm. This meeting was recorded by LakeCam.

**12 Fuller Shores Rd.** - Notice of Intent, Zenith. Nyles Zager from Zenith Consulting Engineers was present for discussion. This is for a septic repair. Member Yeatts noted that the filing went to Natural Heritage on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, an Order of Conditions cannot be issued until after October 27<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Zager said this is a two-bedroom dwelling on Long Pond. They were able to get the leaching field outside the 100-foot buffer. The proposed system is a bottomless sand filter with Orenco advanced treatment. It will provide cleaner effluent as well as allows a smaller footprint. The tank and pump chamber are proposed within the 100-foot buffer zone. They are proposing a dewatering basin and erosion control. Once completed, the site will be loamed and seeded. Chairman Bouchard asked if the tree stumps would be an issue. Mr. Zager said no and explained that the leaching field will be raised up a couple of feet. Member Yeatts asked if the Board of Health had approved the plan. Mr. Zager said they are scheduled for a hearing and have notified the abutters.

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

Voted: to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions with all the standard conditions, pending Board of Health approval, and not issued until October 27<sup>th</sup>.  
Unanimous approval.

*Documents distributed: WPA Form 3 - Notice of Intent, septic plan.*

**3 Malbone St** - Certificate of Compliance, Zenith. Mr. Zager provided a Request for Certificate of Compliance, letter, and site photos. He said the lawn had stabilized and an as-built had been done for the septic system. Chairman Bouchard said he had visited the site a few times and it looks good and he was satisfied with the progress.

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

Voted: to issue the Certificate of Compliance for 3 Malbone Street, DEP file number SE192-793.  
Unanimous approval.

*Documents distributed: WPA Form 8A, site photos, septic as-built, request letter.*

**6 Equestrian Way** - Certificate of Compliance, Zenith. Mr. Zager said this was the same as 3 Malbone, photos were taken of the site, a letter submitted, and an as-built was done. Chairman Bouchard said he had gone out to the site and recommended approval.

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

Voted: to issue a Certificate of Compliance for 6 Equestrian Way, SE192-849.

Unanimous approval.

*Documents distributed: WPA Form 8A, site photos, septic as-built, request letter.*

**Beechtree Drive** - Chairman Bouchard said a letter had been sent to the homeowner's association regarding some issues the Board wanted completed. A letter was received back from Mr. Lens stating that most of the requirements had been taken care of. Chairman Bouchard said the only thing remaining is the pile of brick and stone which was probably left over when they excavated the drainage ditch. In the future, if there is any work to be done on the roads, that the Commission be notified first and that a Notice of Intent or Request for Determination of Applicability are filed.

**Submittal requirements** - Member Yeatts said on the RDA form, on page 4, it states that a notice of application must be posted in a local paper at least 5 days prior to the hearing at the Applicant's expense. There was a brief discussion. For above ground and in ground pools, Member Yeatts said it would be up to the Conservation Agent which type of filing should be done. She suggested they err on the side of an NOI because you don't want the Applicant to do an RDA and at the meeting the Commission decides the project needs an NOI. Chairman Bouchard asked about septic systems. If most of the system is in the buffer zone it should be an NOI, but what if only a small corner of the leaching field is in the buffer zone? Member Yeatts thought that about 90% of the time they would want an NOI for a septic system. She noted that the certified abutter lists are only coming out with the City of Taunton and not the City of New Bedford, and it should be both. She asked if they wanted to vote to update the requirements to include only two copies of the large plans.

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

Voted: to change the submittal requirement to include only two copies of the large plans.

*Discussion: Member Faherty asked if two copies would be enough. He asked if they should ask for three copies so Chairman Bouchard could mark one up when he does his site visit. Chairman Bouchard said he usually puts his copy into the file with his comments on it.*

Unanimous approval.

Chairman Bouchard said everyone has their own opinion on what vista pruning includes. Member LeBlanc asked if DEP had a definition of vista pruning. Chairman Bouchard said no. Member Yeatts had a copy of a brochure that provided information to help residents through the permit process. She would like to have copies printed and available at the office.

*Documents distributed: In buffer zone/Outside buffer zone list.*

**Meeting minutes** - July 26, 2022, August 3, 2022, and August 9, 2022.

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

Voted: to approve the minutes of the Lakeville Conservation meeting of July 26, 2022 as corrected.

Unanimous approval.

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

Voted: to approve the meeting minutes of August 3, 2022 as revised.

Unanimous approval.

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

Voted: to approve the Lakeville Conservation Commission minutes of August 9, 2022 as presented.

Unanimous approval.

*Documents distributed: Conservation meeting minutes 7/26/22, 8/3/22, and 8/9/22.*

**Adjournment** - (7:37pm)

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

Voted: to adjourn.

Unanimous approval.