

Town of Lakeville
Conservation Commission
December 13, 2022 at 7pm

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

76 Lakeside Ave - Request for Certificate of Compliance. SE192-864 - Smith. Member Knox asked if Chairman Bouchard had been out to the site to inspect. Chairman Bouchard said he had and it looked very good, so he was very satisfied. Member Yeatts asked if this was for a septic system. Member Chamberlain said it was. Chairman Bouchard said there was a fairly steep slope behind the house, on the pond side of the house, but there is no indication of erosion. There was a discussion about the driveway. Member Yeatts asked if there was a wetland replication plan too. Chairman Bouchard said not that he was aware of. Member Yeatts said she wondered what the original Notice of Intent was for. If it was just a septic system, that's one thing. Chairman Bouchard said it was.

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

Voted: to approve the request for Certificate of Compliance for 76 Lakeside Avenue.

Discussion: Member Knox said he wanted to make sure didn't approve something without making sure the loop is closed. He asked if they could add to the motion that it would be contingent on the Chairman confirming all portions of the NOI have been completed. Chairman Bouchard said they had 30-days from tonight. Member Yeatts said she liked the motion Member Knox suggested. Chairman Bouchard said he thought if they conditioned the approval, they would be covered.

Unanimous approval.

Upon an amended motion made by Member Knox, seconded by Member Yeatts, it was:

Voted: to approve the request for Certificate of Compliance for 76 Lakeside Avenue contingent upon further review that the Chairman confirm that all work completed matches the Notice of Intent.

Unanimous approval.

Documents: WPA Form 8A - Request for Certificate of Compliance, letter from John Spink, PE.

Staples Shore Rd. - Notice of Intent, removal of trees and brush within 20-feet of Assawompset Pond Dam - Tighe & Bond - continued. Peter Backhaus from Tighe & Bond was present for discussion. He is an environmental scientist representing the City of Taunton water division for the tree removal project. They have heard back from Natural Heritage and they have identified two turtles of concern and they are asking for a mussel survey. They are still working on the mussel survey with Natural Heritage. The plan is to cut all the trees back, they won't be going into the water or the sand. They are hoping that since they plan to stay out of the water completely that they won't have to do the mussel survey. They do have the Eastern box turtle and the Red-bellied cooter, so they are working on habitat assessments on them. Mr. Backhaus said the Commission asked for an operations manual. They are working with

the City of Taunton and have found the original from 2012. They are updating it and will hopefully have it for next time. Member Chamberlain asked what the starting date was for the project. Mr. Backhaus said as soon as they get the Order of Conditions, they are hoping to go out while the turtles are still hibernating. They are hoping that it can be done in early March. Member Yeatts said they should probably continue the hearing until they hear back from Natural Heritage.

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

Voted: to continue the Staples Shore Road dam maintenance improvements until January 10th at 7pm.

Unanimous approval.

Documents: Letter from Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program.

2 Main St - Request for Determination of Applicability, whether boundaries of resource area referenced are accurately delineated. Zenith Consulting Engineer. Jamie Bissonnette from Zenith was present for discussion. He explained for full disclosure that he and Nyles Zager were purchasing this piece of property that is directly across from their office at 3 Main St. Bob Gray did the wetland delineation on this property in 2022. It was previously delineated by Outback Engineering. Mr. Gray found their wetland flags but also hung his flags where he felt they fit. A full survey was done of the site. They filed for an RDA rather than an ANRAD because technically there are no wetlands on the property. There is currently some work being done toward the front of the property, but it is outside the 100' buffer. Mr. Bissonnette said right now they are just asking for agreement on the resource line itself. They are also in front of Middleboro Conservation at their next hearing for an RDA on the two pieces in Middleboro. There will be drainage there and site work within 100', so they do expect to be in front of Conservation for a Notice of Intent. Mr. Bissonnette explained that they are acquiring the lot in Lakeville as well as a lot in Middleboro along with a sliver of a third lot also in Middleboro. This is what they did to meet the required 70,000sf for Lakeville zoning. The lots will be joined as one big parcel and they will do an 81x plan. The building will be completely in Lakeville with a Lakeville address. The plan is to put the majority of the drainage in Middleboro because they are a split lot. The building, parking, and probably the septic system will be in Lakeville.

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

Voted: to make a Positive 2A determination.

Unanimous approval.

Documents: WPA Form 1 - Request for Determination of Applicability, Site Plan, copy of legal ad.

Adjournment - (7:27pm)

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

Voted: to adjourn.

Unanimous approval.

