

**Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
July 23, 2013**

The Conservation Commission held a meeting on July 23, 2013 in the Lakeville Town Office Building Conference Room. The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman Bouchard at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Robert Bouchard, Joseph Chamberlain, Linda Grubb, Derek Maksy, Martha Schroeder, and Ryan Trahan. Sarah Kulakovich, associate member; Nancy Yeatts, Conservation Agent; and Jennifer Jewell, recording secretary were also present. Pam Rasa was absent with prior notice.

**7:00 p.m. – 130 S. Pickens Street**

**Decotis**

Chairman Bouchard read the legal notice. Steve Gilbert, from SFG Engineering, presented a Notice of Intent for the repair of an existing septic system. There was a review of the plans. The wetland line was flagged by Dr. Walter Hewitson and all proposed work is located in the buffer zone. The site elevation and silt barrier locations were discussed. It was noted that the proposed work will take place in a previously disturbed area. Upon motion made by Member Chamberlain and seconded by Member Schroeder the Commission

VOTED: To close the hearing and issue a Negative Determination of Applicability (3C) with the note that the agent must inspect the siltation barriers prior to the start of work. Unanimous vote.

**7:06 p.m. – Lot 4, Highland Road**

**Mahoney**

Jeff Youngquist presented a revised plan with restoration details. Upon motion made by Member Chamberlain and seconded by Member Trahan the Commission

VOTED: To accept the plan, dated July 23, 2013 for review, waiving the ten day submittal deadline. Unanimous vote.

There was a review of the revised plan. The stockpile will be removed. There was discussion regarding the types and sizes of trees to be planted. It was noted that the 50' buffer zone will be re-established and marked in the field after the project is complete. It was suggested that the homeowner contact the Commission to discuss the removal of invasive species on the site. It was noted that the original Order of Conditions allows the Commission access to the site to confirm the presence of a vernal pool and possibly submit it for certification. Upon motion made by Member Maksy and seconded by Member Chamberlain the Commission

VOTED: To close the hearing and issue an Amended Order of Conditions with the original special conditions and the additional conditions that the 50' no-touch buffer zone will be re-established after the project completion; the homeowner will adhere to organic lawn care standards; native trees will be used to re-vegetate the lot and the stumps will be taken off-site. Unanimous vote.

**7:21 p.m. – 16 Priscilla Drive**

**Bennett**

John and Kerry Bennett were present at the meeting. Darren Michaelis, from Foresight Engineering and B.R.Thomaset also represented the homeowner. Frank and Nancy Bartlett, 14 Priscilla Drive, were also present. A stop-work order was issued because of the unpermitted installation of an underground utility line and site work that affected stormwater drainage. It was stated that while the previous agent and Middleboro Gas and Electric might have been aware of the utility line it was not shown on the plan of record or listed in the Order of Conditions. There was discussion about previous site conditions and the existence of a trench and culvert in the driveway area. Ms. Yeatts discussed a recent site visit and stated that due to the recent site work the stormwater flow has been impacted and water is now affecting the abutting lot. It was noted that a

distinct sheen is present on the run-off. Possible sources of stormwater flow were discussed. There was a review of the project timeline. Ms. Yeatts suggested the Commission have an on-site visit to review the area. Member Trahan questioned whether the utility trench was acting as an interceptor trench, channeling the runoff toward the abutting lot and suggested that the installation of a clay barrier could contain the water. It was suggested that the water with the sheen be tested. Chairman Bouchard stated that the sheen could be caused by naturally occurring bacteria. There was discussion regarding testing costs. Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett granted permission for the Commission to access their lot.

This issue will be revisited at the August 13, 2013 meeting.

### **Reappointments**

A letter will be sent to the Board of Selectmen notifying them of the reappointments of Joseph Chamberlain, Martha Schroeder and Derek Maksy as full members and Sarah Kulakovich as an associate member.

The Commission received an unofficial notice regarding the resignation of Pamela Rasa. Ms. Rasa has not notified the Board of Selectmen.

### **Vigers Stewardship Plan**

There was discussion about an archery program scheduled to take place on the Vigers site. The archery group must meet all of the insurance and liability requirements set by the town and all paperwork will be reviewed by Rita Garbitt and Tracie Craig. Possible participant costs were discussed. Ms. Kulakovich stated that projects are scheduled for the Friends of Vigers group and local interest is beginning to build. A vernal pool program will be offered in the spring. It was noted that advertising must be approved by the Commission and can be done on Facebook, the library and through press releases. There was discussion regarding possibly restricting programs to Lakeville residents or allowing for a resident discount.

There was a review of the site visit/open house held onsite at Vigers. Abutters voiced concern regarding traffic and speeding on Pickens Street as well as access and trespassing by park users or hunters. It was noted that there is a significant amount of invasive vegetation removal required on the site. There was discussion regarding hunting regulations and setbacks from dwellings and roads. Member Grubb requested the Commission remove the bow hunting sign. Ms. Yeatts suggested that someone check the list of lands accessible to hunters. Upon motion made by Member Schroeder and seconded by Member Chamberlain the Commission

VOTED: To approve the archery program at the Vigers Conservation Area pending approval by the Board of Selectmen. Unanimous vote.

It was noted that registration for the archery program will not be done through the Conservation Commission office but through the Friends of Vigers email account.

### **Upcoming Meeting**

The next meeting of the Lakeville Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lakeville Public Library Conference Room. Upon motion made by Member Chamberlain and seconded by Member Rasa the Commission

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Unanimous vote.