

Town of Lakeville
Conservation Commission
Tuesday January 8, 2019
7:00PM – Lakeville Senior Center

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bouchard at 7pm. Members present were: John LeBlanc, Mark Knox, Richard Hagerman, Joe Chamberlain, Chairman Bob Bouchard, and Agent Lenore White. Members absent were Josh Faherty.

Discussion from Fisheries Commission on work to restore fish run - Ron Burgess from the Middleboro-Lakeville Herring Fishery Commission was present for discussion. Mr. Burgess wanted to make the Commission aware of the weed removal of invasive species (Eurasian Milfoil). Last year there were dead herring as a result of getting blocked in the low water, lack of oxygen and the thickness of the weed. The project is to restore access in one section of the river that is impacted by the milfoil. A request will be filed in Middleboro through Outback Engineering. This will be an experimental process; the mechanical harvesting has been effective in lakes and ponds. Member Knox asked if there will be consideration of a chemical treatment as well as the mechanical harvesting. Mr. Burgess said no, there are things that can be done in lakes and ponds due to lack of current, but rivers have other issues and they have found nothing recommended. There are two wells in Middleboro along the river that need to be considered. There is a fabric that can be used in the water that is weighted down and put over the weeds. Mr. Burgess said there was a report that the fabric was put down for 3 months and 30% of the native plants were left and the milfoil was killed. The mechanical process will pull the plant by the roots and put it on a conveyor and it is taken off site to compost. The stretch of river where the process will be used is about 100 yards long. Agent White asked about access. Mr. Burgess stated that they would be accessing by Bridge St. and go upriver. Agent White said that for off loading they will need an area where they can off load and let it de-water without contaminating anything. Agent White also asked about cuttings that get loose. Mr. Burgess said anything on the downstream side would come up with the mass. There is a local landowner who has agreed to let them off load in two areas and possibly the boat launch at the bottom of Maxim's orchards may be used. This project will be filed with Middleboro as an ecological restoration project. Member Chamberlain asked where the funding came from for the project. Mr. Burgess said that the Town of Middleboro donated \$5,000, the Town of Lakeville donated \$5,000, and the City of New Bedford donated \$5,000. Member Chamberlain asked if this was an inter-municipal project that they could waive the fee for. Agent White said the applicant has to be a municipality or an arm of a municipality to waive the fee.

Certificate of Compliance 45 Baker Lane (SE 192-256) - Agent White said this was a lot in the Chase Farms subdivision that really has nothing to do with the subdivision

Order of Conditions. There are no wetlands or drainage on the lot; it was just included in the original Order of Conditions and was never released.

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

Voted: to approve the Certificate of Compliance for 45 Baker Lane (also known as by the Town of Lakeville as map 012, block 009, and lot 45 and registered in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds under book 17687 and pages 341-345). Unanimous approval.

475 Kenneth Welch Drive, request for plan revision – Ken Orson from Samiotes Consultants was present for a discussion on a plan revision on 475 Kenneth Welch Drive. There is an addition to the plan that includes making a two story building a one story building with a dumpster pad and sidewalks. The sidewalks are going to be taken away and the dumpster pad will need to be bigger. The footprint will be 250' square feet larger and impervious. They will be getting closer to the bordered vegetative wetlands. This area will be going into the infiltration basin. Agent White said that she didn't see the revisions as all that significant. Chairman Bouchard said that since the footprint is changing he thought it would call for an amended Order of Conditions.

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

Voted: to accept the revised plan for 475 Kenneth Welch Drive, showing a larger dumpster pad and reduction of the two story addition to a one story. Unanimous approval

Discuss/adopt meeting schedule for 2019 – the scheduled meeting dates are the second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

71 Southworth St. Enforcement Order (Pusateri)- status of site/compliance with Enforcement Order. There was a Cease and Desist order and there has been no more activity. The homeowners hired an engineer who has put some stakes out and they have hired a botanist. The Enforcement Order was issued in August and Agent White feels that there hasn't been much progress and there has been no compliance. She recommended that another Enforcement Order be issued. Chairman Bouchard said he thought there should be a definitive date, a plan should be provided and a timeline. Member Knox asked if they give a definitive date, is there a plan where it will be turned over to DEP? Agent White said it shows that they have made efforts to get compliance and they need help from DEP for compliance. There was a discussion regarding the Enforcement Order.

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

Voted: to issue a second Enforcement Order with a drop dead date of February 15, 2019 to provide a restoration plan and a timetable for getting

the work done for 71 Southworth St.
Unanimous approval

Pine Bluff boat ramp – Member Knox asked if Member Chamberlain had done a site visit. Neither Member Chamberlain nor Agent White have done a site visit yet. Agent White said that paperwork had been brought to the office and she would bring it to the next meeting for review.

Review and approve meeting minutes from 10/8/18 -

Upon a motion made by Member Knox, seconded by Member LeBlanc, it was:
Voted: to approve the meeting minutes from 10/9/18.
Unanimous approval

Review and approve meeting minutes from 11/27/18 –

Upon a motion made by Member Knox, seconded by Member Chamberlain, it was:
Voted: to approve the meeting minutes from 11/27/18.
3 in favor, 1 abstain (LeBlanc, absent from 11/27/18 meeting).

Adjournment:

Upon a motion made by Member Knox, seconded by Member Chamberlain, it was:
Voted: to adjourn
Unanimous approval