

Town of Lakeville
Conservation Commission
Tuesday May 14, 2019
7:00PM – Lakeville Senior Center

Members present were: John LeBlanc, Mark Knox, Wil Gray, Bob Bouchard, Richard Hagerman and consultant Lenore White. Members absent were: Joseph Chamberlain and Josh Faherty. Chairman Bouchard called the meeting to order.

Kenneth Welch Drive – Columbia Gas RDA – Chairman Bouchard read the legal notice into the record. Dave Newhall was present to represent Columbia Gas. A new gas main is proposed for Kenneth Welch Drive beginning at Bedford Street and tying into the gas main that's already there. This will be about 2200 linear feet of HDP high pressure gas main. A portion of this work will take place within the 100' buffer zone (about 850 linear feet), as well as in the riverfront area. An open trench method will be used which will only open up a portion of the trench that can be back filled the same day. Straw waddle will be set up for erosion control along the gas main nearest the wetlands as well as the nine catch basins. There will be no stock piles or open trench left overnight or work done if it's raining. Ms. White said with the erosion control she didn't think there would be a problem. She also explained that an approval from the Commission would not grant any property rights. An approval from the Town would still be needed.

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

Voted: to close the hearing and issue a negative determination on the Request for Determination for the proposed gas line on Kenneth Welch Drive.
Unanimous approval.

23 Twin Oaks Rd – Chairman Bouchard read the legal notice into the record. David Fredette was present to represent homeowner Paula Houle of 23 Twin Oaks Rd regarding the proposed temporary carport. Mr. Fredette presented a plan to the Commission.

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

Voted: to accept a revised plan.
Unanimous approval.

Member LeBlanc asked why the carport was "temporary". Mr. Fredette explained that a permanent structure would be denied by the Board of Health. This carport is well built and pinned into the ground. Ms. White asked if it would sit on the existing stone wall. The carport will be inside the stone wall and pinned inside. The wall will be modified (made rectilinear) and fill will be brought in to level the ground. Ms. White said she didn't see any impact to the wetlands from this project.

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

Voted: to close the hearing on 23 Twin Oaks Rd. and find a negative determination on the RDA application and approve the work proposed.

Unanimous approval.

71 Southworth St – Ms. White, Member Chamberlain, and Chairman Bouchard went out to meet at the site with DEP on May 1st. Also present was Rob Pusateri (property owner) and his wetland consultant, Brad Holmes. A transect of test pits were done and all wetland soils were found. The revised plan shows everything as wetland with no buffer zone. The pond will not remain; everything will be restored as a wetland. The existing stock pile areas that were excavated out of the wetland will be put back in; the site will be regraded and seeded with a wetland seed mix. They are also proposing whip seedlings (unbranched 12-14" stems). It was DEP's recommendation that if the Commission approves this restoration plan, there should be a time frame and report on a regular basis. Ms. White wrote up a draft attachment that would be another Enforcement Order that will state that the plan must be carried out with the attachment of what DEP is requiring. Continued to next meeting.

Beech Tree Drive - Ms. White said that some property with wetland areas had been cleared and the brush had been disposed of into the wetland. The Homeowner's Association cleared the area but Mr. Nashawaty has not cleared the adjoining property that he owns. Member Knox thought a second letter should be sent stating that there has been compliance on one of the lots but an enforcement order will follow if the second lot isn't cleaned up. There was a discussion regarding the site.

Pine Bluff Rd - There was a discussion regarding the geogrid that was installed at Pine Bluff Rd. Ms. White will review the file for plans. She said her only concern is will it stabilize and will it hold. Member Knox thought it might be a good idea to go back and check it to see if it has stabilized in about six months.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from 4/23/19 -

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

Voted: to approve the 4/23/19 meeting minutes as drafted.

Unanimous approval.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from 3/26/19 -

Upon a motion made by Member LeBlanc, Chairman Bouchard stepped down to second, it was:

Voted: to approve the 3/26/19 meeting minutes as written.

Two in favor (LeBlanc & Bouchard), 2 abstain (Knox, Gray –both not present at 3/26/19 meeting).

Adjournment –

Upon a motion made by Chairman Bouchard (stepped down), seconded by Member LeBlanc, it was:

Voted: to adjourn

Unanimous approval.