

TOWN OF HEBRON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MAY 13, 2010
TOWN OFFICE BUILDING MEETING ROOM

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Members Present: J. Mullaney, T. Gauthier, R. Warner and T. Loto

Members Absent: L. Maynard and T. Nofer

Guests Present: Please refer to the attached list

Staff Present: J. Soderberg, Wetlands Agent

Minutes Approved on 6/10/10
With Corrections
Clerk Initial A.B. Date 6-17-10

REGULAR MEETING

I. Call to Order

J. Mullaney called the regular meeting to order at 7:32pm.

II. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting – April 18, 2010

It was noted that on Page 3 of 3, in the last sentence in the first paragraph, “Selectman” should be corrected to “Selectmen.” Under the heading of Hebron Harvest Fair, the sentence should read, “J. Mullaney will call Shelly Green from The Nature Conservancy regarding the Salmon River watershed project in regard to setting up a booth at the fair.”

Under the heading of Correspondence, in the first sentence, “Heron Hill Trail” should be corrected to “Heron Hill Road.” The second sentence should read, “It will be good open space” and the third sentence should read, “J. Mullaney would like the Town to apply for a state grant for the Kinney Road parcel.”

Motion:

R. Warner moved to approve the April 18, 2010 regular meeting minutes as amended. T. Loto seconded and the motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

III. Additions to agenda

None

IV. Recognition of Guests

There is no participation for items not included on the Agenda.

V. New Applications

A. **Petition 10-06**, Camp Connecticut, 541 Old Colchester Road, Hebron – Correcting violations in **Petition 10-03V**. Clear cutting and excavation within a regulated area without a permit (**Received 5-13-10 – 65 days – 7-16-10**)

R. Nesci and E. Kowalsky are present on behalf of Camp Connecticut and presented their application to the Commission. The application is to remove the front berm but to keep the side berms and install a small roadway at the base of the ledge to control erosion. E. Kowalsky stated that the side berms are helpful because of the members who shoot on the property and will add protection from stray bullets and noise control. J. Mullaney reviewed that the applicant was asked to remediate the violation by bringing the area back to its natural state before any work was done. Members discussed with the applicant that the creation of a shooting range on the property would require P&ZC approval and additional details on the plan. T. Loto also noted that additional details on the plan would also be required for a wetlands permit. R. Nesci stated that the Camp does not have the additional funds for detailed plans and will have to bulldoze the area flat.

J. Mullaney stated that this application will be kept open for an additional month but that in the meantime the applicant is allowed to fill in the ditches and do some clean up work.

B. **Petition 10-09**, Diane Saucier, 8576 Gunsmoke Loop Mountain Home, AFB, ID – Installation of a shed within a regulated area at 66 Marjorie Circle, Hebron. (**Received 5-13-10, 65 days – 7-16-10**)

J. Soderberg stated that he would be handling this application.

C. **Petition 10-10**, Ray DeCormier, 143 Deepwood Drive – Installation of a curtain drain, shoreline wall and change angle of road discharge pipe. (**Received 5-13-10 – 65 days 7-16-10**)

R. DeCormier is present and stated that his home is located on Amston Lake in the area where dredging has occurred. Mr. DeCormier stated that his application is to install a 45 degree 24” pipe with rocks around it, install a curtain drain which will be covered in topsoil and seeded and install granite steps coming out the lake. J. Mullaney stated his concern that the curtain drain will act as a short cut for chemicals to get to the lake. T. Loto questioned the need for the French drain. R. DeCormier stated that it is a lake management technique for phosphate protection. R. DeCormier stated that he is currently left with a mud hole and expressed his desire to get the area top soiled and seeded for the growing season.

Members agreed that additional details on the plan are required for the drain including what exactly it is designed for. Members discussed the timing of the application and informed the applicant that they are unable to act until fifteen (15) days from when the application is received.

Members discussed with the applicant that restoring the area to its original state prior to the dredging would be acceptable. Members discussed with the applicant his plan for the wall. Commission members agreed that the applicant should re-submit his application with a detailed narrative at the June 15th meeting. The application was kept open until next month.

VI. Pending Applications

A. **Petition 10-02**, Helen Boucher, 32 Lebanon Road, Amston – Request to lower the stream (Raymond Book) that flows under Lebanon Road (south side of Route. 207) onto and through her property (**Received 3-11-10 – 65 days – 5-14-10**).

J. Soderberg reported that he sent a letter to the applicant dated April 20, 2010, advising them of their options and that on May 5, 2010, he received an email from the applicant withdrawing the application.

B. **Petition 10-05**, James Grossman, 9 Woodland Drive, Westport, CT 06880 – 32 lot subdivision on 127.75 acres between south of Lake Road, east of Church Street (Rte. 85) and west of Hillcrest Drive (**Received 4-8-10 – 65 days – 6-11-10**).

Jim Sileo is present to give an update as to the status of this application and gave a brief history of this project. J. Soderberg provided members with a copy a letter dated May 11, 2010, directed to Town Planner Mike O’Leary from Thomas Fenton, P.E. and J. Sileo noted that the applicant is working on the issues addressed in the engineers report.

J. Mullaney requested that when the public hearing is scheduled, that the applicant be prepared to show all alternatives to the filling of the wetlands. J. Sileo stated that the applicant will be providing a chronology of the project for the public hearing.

Motion:

T. Loto moved that petition 10-05 is a significant activity due to wetlands filling, storm water management and disturbed land within a regulated area and scheduled the public hearing for June 10, 2010. R. Warner seconded and the motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

Commission members scheduled a site walk for Thursday, May 27, 2010 at 6:00pm.

VII. Wetland Agent Approvals

None

VIII. Violations

A. **Violation 08-18V**, Patti Matthews, 108 Jan Drive, Hebron – Excavation of soils within a wetland

J. Soderberg stated that he sent a letter to the applicant but has not received a response.

B. **Violation 10-03V**, Camp Connecticut, 552 Old Colchester Road – Clear cut, drainage ditches and excavation of soils within a regulated area

This matter was covered under Petition 10-06.

C. **Violation 10-07V**, David R. & Sherri-Lyn Milkie, 218 Hope Valley Road, Amston – Clear cutting, stumping and excavation work for the construction of a barn within a regulated area without a permit.

J. Soderberg stated that he issued a cease and desist order and work has stopped but he has not heard from the applicant.

D. **Violation 10-08V**, David Moorcroft, 25 Whapley Road, Glastonbury, CT – Excavation of boulders from the lake at 153 Deepwood Drive. Boulders were being used to enhance a shoreline retaining wall.

David O'Brien, President of the Amston Lake Tax District, and the applicant, David Moorcroft, are present to discuss this violation.

D. O'Brien explained that many of the petitions and violations in the lake district are a ripple effect from the dredging. D. Moorcroft explained that he would like to remove the boulders, stabilize the shore, loom and seed. J. Mullaney noted that D. Moorcroft must submit an application for next month.

Members discussed with D. O'Brien scheduling a special meeting and inviting a speaker to come in and discuss lake issues.

IX. Pre-Applications

J. Soderberg stated that he is working on a pre-violation.

X. Other Pertinent Business

A. Discontinuance and abandonment of certain roads

J. Soderberg provided members with case law. R. Warner reported that the Road Abandonment Sub-Committee of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the

Conservation Commission will meet on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 to discuss the abandonment of roads.

B. Hebron Harvest Fair

J. Mullaney stated that he would be contacting Shelly Green from The Nature Conservancy.

XI. Correspondence:

The following correspondence was received:

A. Permit application for use of pesticides in State water at Mapleleaf Farm, Inc. (Ned Ellis, 768 Gilead Street, Hebron)


B. The Forest Advisory Board re: Notification of Timber Harvest

C. Letters to PZC re; Hooker Subdivision on West Street and CT Route 94

XII. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:45pm. The next meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,


Jillene B. Woodmansee
Board Clerk

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Guest List

Meeting of May 13 2010

The Hebron Conservation Commission respectfully requests all guests in attendance at this meeting please **PRINT** their name and address below for the record of this meeting. Thank you.

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Address</u> |
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| Edward Kowalski | 6 Forest St. E. Hampton CT |
| Richard Trudelle | 119 STEPHEN DR. STORINGTON, CT. 06378 |
| PETER LEWIS | 86 LAKE HAYWARD RD COLCHESTER CT 06415 |
| Ralph Nesci | 139 Colchester Ave E Hampton CT 06424 |
| RAY DECORMICK | 466 Main St, E. Berlin, CT ⁰⁶⁰²³ |
| Elaine Moorcroft | 25 Wharpley Rd. GLASTONBURY CT 06033 |
| DAVID MOORCROFT | 25 WHARLEY RD GLASTONBURY CT 060 |
| Mike Harder | 61 Prentice Hill Rd, Hebron |
| Jim Celio | 207 Church St, Hebron |
| DAVE O'BRIEN | 48 CHESTERFIELD Rd Hebron |
| Wm. Moorcroft | 133 Lebanon Rd Amston, CT 06231 |
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