

Conservation Commission – April 19, 2014

Members present were co-chairs Mr. Ned Wilson & Mr. John Weinstein & Mr. Freddy Friedman.

Meeting was called to order at 10:25 AM.

Meeting minutes of March 8th, 2014 were accepted as amended.

Morrissey Hearing: Present for this hearing was representative, Ms. Shannon Boomsma of White Engineering Inc, & Mr. McMahon contractor. Applicant submitted a NOI for the purpose of improvements to existing 4 bedroom house, septic system and well. Property location is 88 Hillside Ave. Ms. Boomsma stated that the existing house is on piers and is a seasonal house and the homeowners would like to renovate the house into a yearly home. Ms. Boomsma stated that project work will include installing a foundation, stone patio, deck, septic, well and retain wall. Ms. Boomsma also mentioned that a silt fence will be used and a few trees will be taken down by the road. Ms. Boomsma also mentioned that all work will be in the buffer zone – no work will alter the resource areas and a dumpster will be on site for construction materials. Some of the abutters were present and had concerns about the deep slope of the property and what effects of this project will have on the wetland areas that join their property. The abutters stated that the road is a private dirt road and were concern about all maintenance vehicles on the road and wanted the commission to put a stipulation in the order of conditions. The commission stated that they do not have the purview to regulate maintenance issues. A motion was made, seconded to close this hearing. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve this application with the conditions being as follows: construction access road not to go past the stair tower (on plan, road is longer); if road needs to be extended, a new order of conditions would be needed.

Beusman Hearing: Present for this hearing was property owner, Mr. Robert Beusman & Mr. Francis pool contractor. Applicant submitted a RDA for the purpose of installing a deck, carport and lap pool. Property location is 268 Hadsell Street. The commission reviewed the comments from Mr. Mark Stinson, DEP circuit rider. It was noted that the proposed work is farther than fifty feet from the river and proper erosion controls are planned. Mr. Francis gave a brief over view of what the project work will consist of. A motion was made, seconded to close hearing. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve this application as a negative #2 with no special conditions.

New Business:

Ms. Sara Kiesel of 109 Mill River Great Barrington Road appeared before the commission with concerns about serious erosion problem to her property due to Hurricane Sandy. The commission reviewed a site map with Ms. Kiesel and agreed that the house is quite a distance from the Konkapot River and the follow of the river shouldn't affect her house. The

commission recommendation is that Ms. Kiesel to either leave the property alone or try to fix the control follow of the river which will be very expensive and take a lot of time to get all the permits needed.

The commission reviewed a request for pot hole grant money from Mass Dot for the Highway Department. The commission signed the form and will request a RDA to be filed.

The commission reviewed the mail:

- a. Conservation assistance for small commissions grant.
- b. Certificate of Compliance recorded for 104 Downs Road.
- c. Common ground newsletter.

No other business was brought before the commission, so voted to adjourn at 11:58 AM.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for May 31, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Chretien
Secretary