

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION Minutes of October 26, 2010 7:00 p.m.

Greenfield Planning Department
114 Main Street

The meeting was called to order by Chair Alex Haro at 7:05 p.m. with the following members:

PRESENT: Alex Haro, Chair; Dee Letourneau; Tom DeHoyos; Steve Walk
ABSENT: Tim Mosher, Vice-chair
Also present: Ralph Kunkel, Conservation Agent and members of the Public.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 12, 2010.

MOTION: Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Letourneau, and voted 3-0 (Walk abstained), to approve the minutes of October 12, 2010 as amended.

Public Meetings/Hearings: 7:14 p.m. Vassilios Arvanitis – Public Hearing to review a Notice of Intent for property located at 105 Mohawk Trail (Assessors Map 46 Lot 23) to add a 500 sq. ft. addition and for site improvements with portions of the work within the Buffer Zone to a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. Continued from October 12, 2010.

Bruce Griffin, Senior Scientist, New England Environmental, was present on behalf of the client. Sue and Effie Arvanitis were also present. Griffin reviewed the site visit of October 20, 2010. Griffin submitted Delineation Field Data forms for two flags, A-12 and A-8. Haro also reviewed the site visit of October 20, 2010 and said he thought the delineation was reasonable. Discussion ensued regarding the wetlands delineation. Effie Arvanitis submitted for perusal her copy of the Due Diligence Report of SVE.

Griffin showed on the site plans modifications that had been made in the retaining wall moving it a few feet further from the 25-foot No Disturb Zone in several locations. Griffin said that it would be necessary to have a wall drain at the base of the retaining wall to drain any excess moisture to prevent frost uplifts of the wall.

Walk expressed concern that, without a proper seal between the wall and the paved area, contamination from the parking lot or dumpster could filter into the ground and contaminate ground water drained by the wall drain.

DeHoyos and Walk expressed concern about the location of the dumpster and asked that it be situated on a paved surface and fenced.

DeHoyos was concerned about the lack of curbing. Walk suggested that curbing could be used to channel the flow of drainage into the Rain Gardens.

Walk, DeHoyos and Haro expressed concern about the ability of the proposed Rain Gardens to handle the drainage from the parking lot, roof and snow storage. Haro suggested snow removal rather than snow storage. Effie Arvanitis asked if permeable paving would reduce the amount of runoff the Rain Gardens would have to accommodate. Haro suggested she work with the Consultant on this.

Haro summed up the discussion and asked that the Consultant provide engineered plans with the following:

- Curbing to channel drainage away from the wall into the Rain Gardens
- Paving and fencing of the dumpster location
- Calculations to assure the Commission that the proposed Rain Gardens are adequate
- The disposition of the water from the wall drain
- Relocation of the snow storage area or consideration of snow removal in lieu of snow storage
- A detailed narrative of the sedimentation and erosion control methodology during construction of the retaining wall specifically addressing the steep areas.

MOTION: Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Letourneau, and voted 4-0 to continue the Public Hearing for Vassilios Arvanitis, DEP File N^o. 268-0279, to 7:30 p.m. November 9, 2010.

Other Business:

Monitoring:

Correspondence: Kunkel updated the Commission on a request of the Town Council Ordinance Committee to submit any revisions to several Town Ordinances. Kunkel reviewed a memo addressed to the Director of Planning, Eric Twarog regarding the status of the above Ordinances with no revisions to be submitted currently; and revisions to Chapter 176 and 195 potentially to be submitted in Fiscal Year 2011/2012.

Kunkel said he had received an e-mail from Daniel deLesdernier regarding the use of the Griswold/GTD for Civil Air Patrol land navigation training. The Commission asked Kunkel to ask the petitioner to have a detailed plan of which trails would be used and to request the petitioner to have assurance that there would be no cutting of any vegetation and no trespassing in wetlands or other sensitive areas.

Enforcement Updates:

Site Visits: Pam Am Railways Wetland Verifications, Saturday October 30, 2010.

Next Meeting: November 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Greenfield Planning Department, 114 Main Street.

Adjournment: **MOTION: Moved by Walk, seconded by DeHoyos, and voted 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Ralph Kunkel
Conservation Agent

Alex Haro
Chair