



Hubbardston Conservation Commission

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Conservation Commission Library Basement Conference Room November 13, 2018 Meeting Minutes

The Conservation Commission meeting was called to order at 7:01pm in the library basement conference room.

Present: Rick Green, Chair
Tony Coppola, Member
Tom Larson, Member
Julian Votruba, Guest
Jennifer McGuinniss, DCR
Edith Morgan, Resident
Jill Wical, Resident
Ron Wical, Resident
Larry Greene, Guest
Sue Mitchell, Resident
Don Mitchell, Resident
Rick Bullock, Guest
Stephen Herzog, Guest
Kayla Larson-Dubois, Resident
Kelly Parker, Clerk

Reviewed minutes from October 2, 2018

Motion: Tony Coppola

Second: Tom Larson

Minutes accepted by all members

Other Business:

The Hubbardston Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, the Wetlands Protection Act, for a Notice of Intent filed by, Edith Morgan, for a house and septic at 20 West Comet Access Road, Hubbardston, MA.

Mr. Greene, Edith's engineer reviewed the plans with the board and guests. Mr. Greene also reviewed the comments from DCR. Jennifer McGuinniss said that DCR was okay with the plans because it was an existing lot and that the wetlands approval was in the Boards hands.

Rick Green asked if the old camp would be removed, Edith stated that yes it would be she had received permission to leave it up until the new camp was complete so she had somewhere to put the

tools. Rick Greene stated that it was a great improvement than what was there. Tom Larson asked about erosion, it was explained that because there was very minor earth disturbance the erosion would not be an issue. Don Mitchell was concerned with water coming downhill and if it pushed onto his property would he have any recourse. Would he be able to put in a tight tank in, he thought it was stated that tight tanks could be used for new construction and if they had a failed system with nowhere else to put it. Tom Larson explained that erosion control will keep the silt back; there is very little disturbance to the ground; cabin is on pillars and stone would be put around the piers. Also grading would make washout and there is none going on. Rick Green said that the only grading being done is to take water away to pond. Edith also stated that her priority is to keep the pond and her abutters safe from disturbance.

Matt Stepanski had concerns about the leach field and it was noted that it would have a four sided retaining wall.

Rick Bullock wanted to go on the record as saying that if this property was not grandfathered in it would never be allowed today. He also asked if the lot had been altered since 1992, Edith said it had not been. Motion made to close this issue to discussion. It will be continued to the next meeting while we wait for the DEP number. Kelly will prepare an Order of Conditions in anticipation to getting the number.

Motion: Tony Coppola

Second: Rick Green All in Favor

Cuttings:

No cuttings to report. Kelly asked Travis Brown if he receives the Cutting Plans he said no, from now on the procedure will be to copy Travis on them.

New Business:

Steve Herzog replaced Rayo Bhumgara to review a solar energy project on Forest Drive (land owned by Dan McHugh). The solar project owner is Syncarpha Hubbardston LLC (this is the project company; the parent company is Syncarpha Capital). This was an informal discussion and it was decided that Tony and Rick would do a site visit before they moved forward because there are three isolated wetlands that they would want to fill in and replicate them with one larger one. The property is flagged and Steve Herzog, Tony Coppola and Rick Green will meet Monday November 19th at 2:30.

66 Williamsville Rd. site visit, Tony will call Allan Olly to schedule a site visit.

Julian Votruba came to the meeting expecting to have a public meeting on his solar project, but it was not on the agenda. Julian stated that we had 21 days to have the meeting after okaying his Determination, confusion entailed on what paperwork need to be sent out saying the Determination was approved. Kelly will work with Jennifer McGuinness on procedures.

New Member consideration Kayla Dubois spoke to the board on her experience she is an environmental engineer for Tighe @ Bond in this role she is very familiar with sewer/water design construction and erosion control. The board made a motion to forward her application onto the Board of Selectman for consideration.

Motion: Tony Coppola

Second: Rick Green All in Favor

