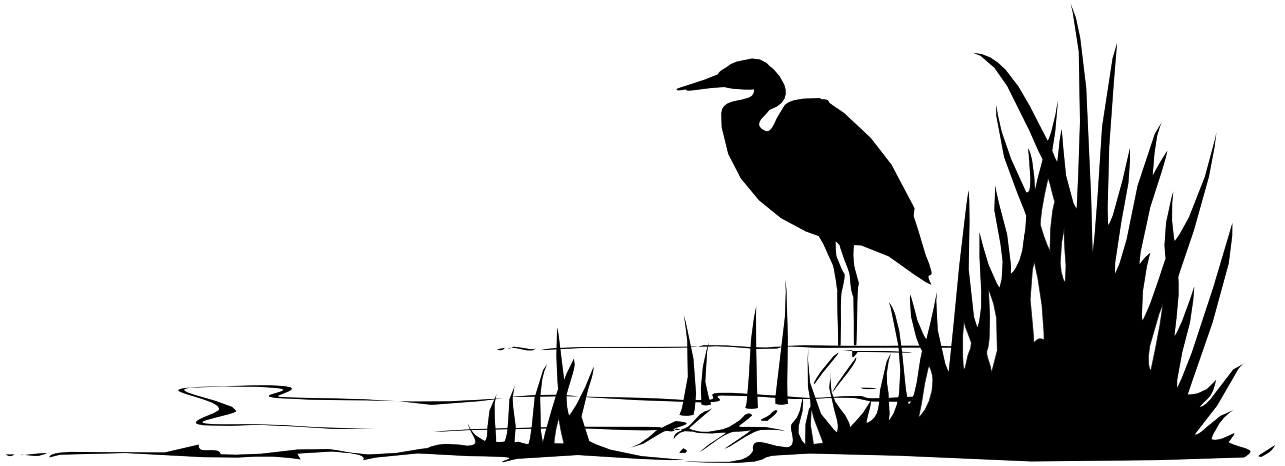


In attendance: Mr. Marro, Agent
 Chair Roberti, Vice Chair Pineo, Mr. Michalak, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Curtin. Mr. Pvalowich



MINUTES
 STERLING CONSERVATION COMMISSION
 REGULAR MEETING- May 20, 2014
 BUTTERICK BUILDING- ROOM 207 7:30 PM

1. Meeting Notices and communications. All communications were reviewed by the Commission.
2. Minutes from the previous meeting – Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as written by a motion of Mr. Curtin and a second by Mr Pineo and a unanimous vote.
3. New Business
 - 3.1 Hardscrabble Road..easement progress report –Mr. Marro noted that there was nothing new yet to report as he is still awaiting the survey.
4. Old Business
 - 4.1 Follow up on all warrant articles from town meeting
 - 4.2 Signatures on prior hearings
5. Enforcement
 - 5.1 Heather Lane- move to Item 7 at Mr. Marro's request.
6. Certificate of Compliance
7. Agents report to the Commission:
 - 7.1 Upcoming items/report – Flooding and erosion inspections.
 - Heather Lane- Mr. Marro noted that the previous issues surrounding this road had not been resolved by legal probably due to the transition. However, he had been in contact with the owner after another complaint about grass clippings had come in. In speaking with the current owners he noted that the swale had to be free and clear. They noted during a phone conversation they had cleaned it up based on a previous letter but did not know about other letters the office had mailed. He will be working with the homeowner to resolve issues now that they respond by telephone .He noted on inspection today that

there was some debris on the edge of the swale he wanted removed and will work with the owner to resolve it. The abutter complaining did ask about what was involved in a drainage easement. Mr. Marro was given the OK by the Commission for the use of DPW with billing if necessary.

- 11 Pine View. Mr Marro noted he toured the site with the owners daughter on May 13, 2014 and noted that the yard appeared to be becoming inundated with water from the uphill side of the rear yard. His estimates is that there may be influence from development up the hill and is recommending he be allowed to pursue an investigation to determine if such is the case. Subsequent inspection on May 19 did not show increases or new water due to rain but he felt it was not enough precipitation to show anything meaning full he could follow. He is continuing those observations. Mr. Curtin and Mr. Pavlowich inquired about the presence of point source culverts and the indicated channelization of the land leading to pine view. Mr. Pineo and Chair Roberti noted a detention area or farm pond may be a potential solution. The commission reconvene on June 3, 2014 at 7:20 PM.
- Mr. Marro noted that there will be a meeting next agenda for a request for a determination by James Gettens for 43 and 41 Redstone Hill. He had spoken with Mrs. Busby today about accessing the property with Mr. Getten's consultant. She is considering it. He recommended that is any commissioners wanted to come along they should advise him as he would have to get her permission for that as well.

Hearings

8:00 PM :

Pursuant to MGL ch 131 s 40 as amended there will be a public hearing on a Notice of Intent by James Farnsworth for the demolition of an existing single family home at 79 Lakeshore Drive with a rebuilding of a new single family home and the construction of a retaining wall within the 100 year flood plain, the 100 foot buffer zone and land under water.

Greg Roy was present to represent the applicant. He oriented the commission to the sire and the work versus the wetland area. He outlined the project proposal and its relation to the buffer zone and the flood plain..He noted the wall positioning with relation to the mean annual high water mark. He noted that there would be minor encroachment to land under water which would be mitigated with more open land actually increasing land under water.

The Chair wondered what was the need for the wall. It was noted by the applicant and his representative that there was an erosion issue. The height of the wall was examined and shown to be 2 feet. It was noted there was some need to backfill however there was proposed to not change the character. Mr. Marro suggested a potential site walk to maybe determine alternatives. Mr. Michalak examined the aerial photographs of the street area to determine the amount of wind and wave. After some discussion with the applicant the commission decided to continue the hearing and site walk it on May 31, 2014. The hearing will reconvene on June 3, 2014 at 8 PM. Mr. Pineo expressed that the applicant should rethink the sandy beach. Motion for continuance to that date and time made by Mr. Curtin

and seconded by Mr. Pavlowich. It passed unanimously also with the consent by the applicant.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 with a motion by Mr. Michalak and a second by Mr Pineo and unanimous vote.