

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES
July 7, 2010
7:30 P.M.
Room 206, Town Hall

Commission Members Present: Craig Flaherty, Michael Tone, Pete Kenyon, Ed Sweeney, Rick Rohr

Staff Present: Richard Jacobson

Court Reporter: Bonnie Syat

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Acting Chairman Flaherty called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. He welcomed new Commission member Ed Sweeney.

Mr. Flaherty announced that the following agenda items were withdrawn and no action would be taken:

Villager Pond, Inc., 24 Bates Farm Road, Phillip Dolcetti, Daniel Dolcetti & Robert Bewkes, request to amend the conservation easement,

EPC-11-2010, Amendment of Wetland Boundary Map: Villager Pond Inc. 24 Bates Farm Road

The following Old Business items were postponed to August 4:

EPC-15-2010, William Hancock, 227 Leroy Avenue, application in response to Notice of Violation, proposing fence construction in a regulated area,

EPC-21-2010 Susan & Timothy Collier, 26 Stony Brook Road South, proposing a house addition within an upland review area.

Mr. Flaherty called the next agenda item:

EPC-23-2010, 54 Holly Lane, Hubert Riedel, proposing porch addition and driveway outside the upland review area based on the soil scientist's mapping.

Mr. Reidel represented the applicant. He said the soil scientist provided a report that there are no wetlands on the property.

Mr. Tone said the house has been mostly torn down and the application is no longer for an addition.

Mr. Jacobson said the engineering report does not reflect a tear down and re-build according to the stormwater regulations, Section 880.

Mr. Kenyon requested a more detailed description of from the soil scientist regarding the method of his investigation.

Mr. Flaherty said the application should be scheduled for a public hearing since it is a tear down/re-build. The Commission scheduled the application for an August 4 public hearing. A revised plan and engineering report will be required along with additional information from the soil scientist.

Mr. Flaherty called the next agenda item:

EPC-22-2010, 9 Windsor Road, Terrance K. and Cara A. Ganser, application to remedy a violation, including wetland planting, and re-construction of a rain garden.

Attorney Wilder Gleason represented the applicant. He said they have prepared a site plan to address the violation and are in the process of providing an engineering report for the drainage.

The Commission scheduled the application for a public hearing on August 4.

Mr. Flaherty called the next agenda item:

EPC-24-2010, 3 Canoe Trail, Cynthia Shaw, proposing septic system repair within an upland review area.

Doug DiVesta, P.E. represented the applicant. He said the existing septic system is failing and the proposed system is located in the most suitable location on the site.

Mr. Flaherty and Mr. DiVesta discussed aspects of the design and how, as a repair, it varies from the health code requirements for new construction. Mr. Flaherty suggested the homeowner look into water saving plumbing fixtures, if they have not already done so, to help protect the system in the future.

Mr. Rohr requested the applicant provide a natural vegetated buffer between the new leaching fields and the wetland. Mr. DiVesta said that could be provided.

Mr. Tone made a motion to approve the application with the stipulation of a natural buffer to the wetland to be reviewed by staff, and a recommendation that methods of minimizing flow discharge be investigated. Mr. Rohr seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Flaherty called the next agenda item:

Flood Mitigation Committee Recommendations

Review of recommendations and possible endorsement by Environmental Protection Commission
Discussion of the recommendations was postponed until August 4.

Minutes of June 2, 2010: Mr. Tone made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Flaherty seconded the motion and it passed 4-0. Mr. Sweeney abstained.

Mr. Kenyon made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Flaherty seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Jacobson
Environmental Protection Officer