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Inland Wetland & Watercourse Commission
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Draft minutes until approved at next regular meeting

March 14, 2022

Chairman Jim Krissel called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 PM in the Chapin Meeting Room under current Covid guidelines. The following members were in attendance: Larry Rand, William Trowbridge, Mike Dudek, Scott Schreiber, Sharon Tingley and Alternates Robin Zitter and Lynn Kearcher-both of whom were seated for this meeting. Others in attendance: Attorney Byrne, Scot Samuelson, Alena Silkina, Chris Garrity, Mason Lord, George Johanneson, Dennis Fisher, Bill Colby, Jamie Linter, Jim Gillespie, Dwight Merriman, Michael Klein, and Nikki Blass. Site visits were conducted, as posted, this past Saturday by Krissel, Schreiber, Zitter, Rand, Dudek, Kearcher and Trowbridge with no action taken.

The Public Hearing on the Keeler Road application was opened at 6:32PM. It is being recorded, however, the acoustics in this meeting room are very difficult.

Bill Colby, on behalf of the applicant presented the map prepared by Bob Hock, Land Surveyor (9), along with a letter from the applicant and from the current owners of the land (10). He stated the foundation will be a slab and wished to have this application not be deemed a Significant Activity. Commission members asked questions.

Intervenors presented next with Attorney Dwight Merriman. Steve Trinkas, PE of Trinkaus Engineering, LLC., then presented both written (11) and oral review of said application. Ultimately requesting that the application be denied—due to incomplete application, inconsistencies with the maps provided and lack of a reasonable and prudent alternative, among other items. Michael Klein (Soil Scientist/Biologist) submitted his report with aerial photos (12,13) and a brief history of the site. In summary, the site has not changed from the REMA report in 2006. Commission members asked questions. Motion was made and seconded via Trowbridge/Schreiber to continue this hearing until next month's meeting, April 11, 2022 at 6:30pm at Sharon Town Hall. There was no public comment or questions. Member Scot Schreiber stated the information from the intervenors lawyers was not received by the commission or the attorney until approximately 4pm the day of the hearing. He expressed his disgust with the timing, and how it is unfair to members and applicants.

2. **Communications:** An invoice for Attorney Stephen Byrne's services to date for Keeler Road was submitted in the amount of \$2,572.50. This was approved to pay via motion and second by Rand/Kearcher.

Public Comment: None

3. **Old Business:** a) 492 Route 7 planting plan and deck install: A mitigation plan was presented to remove invasive vegetation. The work will be done by hand, and described as being flush cut, removing the root systems. Planting of 23 native canopy trees will be done in the dry area, with a number of understory plants also. The wooden 8'x8' platform deck will be made of cedar and sit on diamond pier footings. There will be steps installed to fold up, made of aluminum. Stone steps near the house will be added to accommodate for the slope in the area for access. Burning of the debris will be done on site after a Certificate of Use is obtained. Committee asked questions. Action taken: Motions of Zitter/Schrieber to approve the plan and dock with haybales and erosion control, stabilize the area above the lawn. All in favor.

b) 458 Route 7 construction of a garage: Dennis Fisher presented application. Staked haybales will be used. After removal of tree is complete, soil will remain on site. Motions of Rand/Dudek approve application. All were in favor.

c) 99 Lambert Road: Jamie Linter presented the application for "as of right" forestry work to be done on the property. Parts of the stream have gone underground. He will be using a corduroy road and mats for protection. No vote was taken due to the "as of right" for the owner. Contractor will call when work begins in the spring/summer.

d) 25 Amenia Union Road: David Fisher presented the application for an addition onto the house. Concern for a pipe on the site, believed to be irrigation, has no impact. The hardship of the property is due to the location of the stream and it running through the property. This application was continued until the next meeting due to an enormous tree to be removed that commission members who visited the site felt needed to be seen by all members to make an informed decision. The hole left behind by the removal would be of great concern. This will be a site visit in April. Motions of Dudek/Rand continued to next meeting.

e) 234 Gay Street: George Johannessen presented the application for the contractor Rick McCue, on installation of a pool and pool house. There will be no removal of fence lines for the project, there is an access point for equipment to enter. The site is the furthest away from wetlands and is the most level. Silt fence will be used. Equipment for the pool will be inside the pool house, and no chemicals will be released into the soil. Commission members requested that updated drawings be submitted to show where stock piles will be during construction. Motions of Trowbridge/Schreiber to approve application. All in favor.

4. **New Business** a) Keeler Road/ Map 1, Lot 43 for construction of a dwelling and associated septic, garage, pool, driveway: Continued hearing to April 11, 2022, at 6:30 PM. No action taken.

b) Joray Road: 5 applications were submitted for review at the next meeting.

There was discussion regarding a Site Plan Workshop, perhaps to be done before a meeting in the upcoming months.

Motions of Rand/Trowbridge adjourned the meeting at 8:09 PM with all in favor.

Respectfully,

Nikki Blass, Clerk

Reminder: Monday, April 11, 2022, 6:30 PM Meeting with continuation of hearing on Keeler Road. Site visits Saturday, April 09, 2022, at 8 AM