

TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

July 21, 2014

MINUTES

Conservation Commission members: Chuck Mitchell, Kathi Mitchell, Helen Hanks, Jon Scanlon, Paul Rushlow, Jim Cropsey, Ben Wadleigh and Bob Hardy.

304 Laconia Road: Steve Smith, representing the applicant, was present to address the concerns raised by the Conservation Commission in February relative to this project. He explained that the plan submitted in February was one that had been submitted and approved by the ZBA at an earlier date, but one that did not consider the wetland buffer, etc. The new plan reduces the size of the building and parking lot and the detention pond accommodates the 100 year storm in the storm water management plan. There will be a maintenance plan in place for the detention pond. This keeps the building out of the wetland buffer and reduces the impact on the property. The state is requiring catch basins and a 15" culvert for the driveway permit which has been approved. There are 2 snow storage spaces with a note on the plan that snow must be removed from the property if these spaces are at capacity. One storage space is near the well, but it is an artesian well that shouldn't be affected. There are old septic tanks to be removed and 2 wells to be capped. Mr. Smith stated that it is impossible to meet the town's setbacks for the leach field which will be located near the road. The expected use for the building is for one or two retail sales businesses. The second story is for storage only as noted on the plan.

Mr. Smith did not include fencing around the detention pond as requested by the Conservation Commission as it would impede maintenance. The pond will only be 1 ½ feet deep and will not have standing water in it. He suggested signs prohibiting snow storage in this area, but agreed to a guard rail on the corner of the parking lot instead. Helen Hanks cautioned that there may be another septic system near where the building is as this had been a residence with plumbing. Mr. Smith stated that if tanks are found they will be removed.

Minutes: Helen Hanks moved, seconded by Bob Hardy to approve the minutes of June 16, 2014 as read. Motion passed. Helen Hanks moved, seconded by Jon Scanlon to approve the minutes of July 7, 2014 as read. Motion passed.

Ernie's:

- Still waiting for a driveway permit for parking lot
- Final landscape plan not complete
- 2 utility poles will be moved to the boundary line by PSNH
- Chuck & Kathi Mitchell have removed lots of Buckthorn from the river bank.

- Have received 288 cu yds of loam from Tilton School which was not screened as stated. This loam will be part of the “in kind” services for the Ernie’s project, but Chuck would like to see some of the loam used on the Salmon Run property east of the ditch. Once this loam is spread, it will be necessary to create a block near the ditch to keep cars out. It may be that equipment used for spreading the loam will be able to sort out the rocks. Jon Scanlon suggested he could move rocks with his tractor to the edge of the ditch where it is very steep.

Helen Hanks moved, seconded by Jon Scanlon that 2-3 inches of loam from Tilton School be spread on the east portion of the Salmon Run property. Motion passed.

Chuck noted that more buckthorn needs to be removed from the bank before the loam is spread. Helen Hanks moved, seconded by Jim Cropsey to hire Paul Rushlow to treat the Knotweed on the Ernie’s property. Motion passed. Paul responded that he would donate his services and Chuck will buy the chemicals.

Bob Hardy asked about putting up “no parking” signs, but this would have to be designated as no parking by the Selectmen. Bob Hardy moved, seconded by Ben Wadleigh to ask the Selectman to designate the Salmon Run property as a no parking zone and have “no parking” signs made as soon as possible. This is for the portion east of the ditch and it would be best to wait until work begins before installing signs. Motion passed.

Chuck Mitchell informed members that Lowe’s, PSNH and Tilton School are all willing to donate and have volunteers for projects within town.

Correspondence:

- Letter from Selectmen to Master Gardeners
- DES: Alteration of Terrain permit for South Bay Resort
- Intent to Cut – Fillion
- Intent to Cut – Bernard
- Intent to Cut – Bennett Trust

Members discussed the possible need to hire a Town Forester to oversee logging operations in town.

Other:

Jim Cropsey moved, seconded by Paul Rushlow to authorize sending Jon Scanlon to a Hazardous Waste Coordinator Certification Training Course and to pay \$300.00 for this course. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Eliza Conde, Secretary *Minutes approved 08-18-2014*