



CARVER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF JUNE 1, 2022 MEETING

Present: Chairman Savery Moore, Vice Chair Alan Germain, David Hall, Environmental Scientist/ Agent Brooke Monroe and Recording Secretary Ashley Swartz.

Mr. Moore opened the meeting at 7:05 P.M.

Request for COC (Certificate of Completion)– 276 Federal Road SE# 126-574

Continued until June 15 pending site visit

Request for COC (Certificate of Completion)– 196 Tremont Street SE# 126-576

Continued until June 15 pending site visit

Request for COC – (Certificate of Completion) - 0 Hammond Street SE# 126-673

Continued until June 15 pending site visit

Tree cutting – 3 John's Pond

Darleen began by asking when they discovered the tree cutting. There was a discussion about it being noticed when they were visiting John Ponds for another issue. Mr. Germain recapped the series of events and that there were trees taken down, brush cleared and a pipe running from the house. It was recalled that this was first mentioned during a meeting regarding 5 John's Pond this came up but Darleen said it wasn't on the agenda to discuss. It has since been added to the agenda. Darleen is stating that they should be notified. Similar to the previous meeting, it was stated that the Commission can discuss something prior to deciding whether or not a hearing was necessary.

Darleen was concerned that there was a violation of open meeting laws and they were not notified of the agenda item regarding their property. Mr. Moore explained that they planned to discuss the next steps and if they wanted to take action regarding the tree cutting – which is why it was listed as a discussion and not a hearing. He reiterated that they were still looking for answers as to why the trees were cut, how many, when it happened and why the Commission wasn't notified. Darleen expressed that the trees had taken down because of storm damage and she left the stumps thinking it was the proper way to go about it. Mr. Moore explained that they need to be notified regardless of the reason why the trees need to come down. Mr. Moore then spoke to the issue of precedent and that they needed to make sure they addressed these issues in order to make sure the next person doesn't do what they want. The issue cannot be ignored and it requires being addressed. Mr. Moore continued by requesting that the next time this happens, even in the event of a storm, they need to be notified if trees come down. Mr. Germain noted that if they had an image of the trees and told them the reason, they were taken down the issue could have been closed right then and there.

Request to cut trees – 40 South Main St.

Brooke said the homeowner sent pictures with arrows indicating the trees that needed to come down. She described the location of the trees and Mr. Moore said there was a line of trees separating the properties. Mr. Germain explained why these trees are coming down so frequently and why they are snapping near the top. Brooke gave them the okay to go ahead.

Request to cut trees - 6 Brockton Ave.

Brooke met with John Scagg – there is a vacant lot across the street and they want to clean it up. John marked some trees that they wanted to take down. Brooke showed the location of the trees on a map she provided. They gave the okay to take the trees down.

New Hearings**Lot 3 Rickets Pond Drive****DEPSE #126**

Eric Shoemaker, McKenzie Engineering Group, representing Bridgestone Development, Inc. Site is Lot 3 of the subdevelopment, 3.91 acres of land. Lots 1 and 2 were submitted to planning. They are located in the protected area and an NOI and Order of Conditions were issued in May of 2019. The site shows the proposed conditions – set back and surface treatments. This lot will house two commercial buildings. There will be a single septic system for both buildings. The two concrete areas will be located in the 100-foot buffer zone including twenty-four (24) on site spaces with, 24-foot-wide access drives, and a five-foot-wide sidewalk at the front of the building. They will provide a landscape buffer in the parking lot. The drainage plan includes catch basins and drain manholes to plan for storms and drainage for storm water. The utilities are underground electric, telephone and cable, a thousand-gallon propane tank and a well. Mr. Germain made a statement that he contracts with this company and he wasn't comfortable voting on a variance – the suggestion is that the well is moved out of the 65-foot. Mr. Moore asked to address the grading behind the parking lot and if that is in the 65 it will need to be added to the variance. Eric explained that the initial grading was included in the original NOI. Mr. Moore's concern is where the lot meets the buffer zone is included in the variance. Mr. Moore continued by stating they were at the site today and said it was "pretty cut and dry". Brooke suggested a letter from Eric that stated the request for the variance.

There was a question regarding the placement of the propane tank – since the tanks are in the 100-foot she expressed concern. The Commission explained that these are built well and they shouldn't leak. A leak would be air-born not a substance that would leak into the pond. Mr. Moore also noted that there are other Commissions that have purview into the placement of the propane tanks. She also had a question regarding the trees – Mr. Germain explained off to the side referencing the plans. Another resident asked if it was possible to move everything out of the 100-ft closer to the road but Eric explained that because of the zoning by-law set back they could not move it. She also asked if there could be a barrier wall built between the 100-foot zone and the industrial park. Mr. Moore said the plantings they have planned could be a better solution than a wall and they are already in the plans. She is concerned about not only the wetlands but also the wildlife. She expressed concern of the emergency drain's location. Mr. Moore said the only animals would be stopped by a wall would be the turtles. He addressed her other concern by explaining retention pond was at a minimal level and absorbed into the ground and that pond would not overflow (Eric said it was designed that way). Mr. Germain made a motion to continue until June 15, seconded by Mr. Hall, approved unanimously 3-0-0.

MINUTES**To be read and approved for May 18, 2022**

Mr. Germain suggested tabling the minutes since Mr. Moore was not present at the last meeting and they needed at least three to vote.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Germain, Seconded by Mr. Hall. Unanimously approved 3-0-0.

Adjourned 8:08 PM.

Minutes submitted by Ashley Swartz.