

CONSERVATION COMMISSION – TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE
TUESDAY 12 December 2023
7:00pm, Stockbridge, MA – Town Hall & Remote via Zoom

Present: Ron Brouker [presiding], Lisa Bozzuto, Jamie Minacci, Karen Levy-Lutner, Joe DeGiorgis, Bill Loutrel, Cathy Plakun

Also present: Jay Dubner, Brent White, Bryan Siter, Stephanie Adler, David Cameron, Carole Owens, Earl Kramer, Marie Raftery, Patti Harper, Cheryl Brause, Tom & Trish Perlmutter, Rob Mooney

Bill Loutrel made a motion to approve minutes from Tuesday, 28 November Jamie Minacci seconded. Unanimous.

Pursuant to expressed concerns about the scope of the work, David Cameron will conduct a compliance review of the property at 13 Rattlesnake Mountain Road.

Brent White presented a letter describing the plantings and new work covered under the Wetlands Protection Act and the Town Stormwater Bylaw for the Amended Order of Conditions for David Brause, 82 Interlaken Rd. (Map 205, Lots 26 26.5) The new sports courts are only jurisdictional under the Stormwater Bylaw. The new arch culvert is designed to be larger than required under the Stream Crossing standards at 16' in length and 43" high, with a width of 5.3'. The new separation from the driveway to the BVW is now 4'. A new planting plan of species native to Western Massachusetts was submitted. Included are Eastern Red Cedar, white pine, river birch, and red maple. Buckthorn and honeysuckle, among other invasives, will be removed. The exposed ledge will be planted on top with additional trees and shrubs. There are updated plans for the rain gardens, as well. Only 29 trees are now scheduled to be removed, with 64 to be planted. A 75% survival rate is required. DEP # 296-0511 Joe DeGiorgis made a motion to approve the amended order and close the hearing. Lisa Bozzuto seconded. Unanimous. Bill Loutrel made a motion to approve the changes under the Stormwater Bylaw. Ron Brouker seconded. Unanimous.

Ron Brouker made a motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance for David & Anni Mintz, 19 Lakeview Drive (Map 104, Lot 72) and close the hearing. The project included the demolition and replacement of existing house and associated site work. A letter of intent with plans to do additional planting near the lake was included. (Foresight) 296-0512 Jamie Minacci seconded. Lisa Bozzuto recused herself. 6-0-1 motion carried

A site visit was set to review the plans for the Request for Determination of Applicability for Tom & Trish Perlmutter, 6 Maple Lane at 2:30 on 12/21. (Map 103, Lot 25.) The building is non-conforming, and it is proposed for the demolition and reconstruction of single family home. The proposal is for 2 pine trees to be removed. There will be no cellar in the proposed structure. The garage will be included in the footprint. (Foresight)

The Commission will perform a site visit to review the Request for Certificate of Compliance for Michael & Marilyn Landau, 50 Lake Drive following the Maple Lane site visit on 12/21. (Map 101, Lot 20 DEP # 296-0513) The project included a house and septic replacement and related site work. (Foresight)

Ron Brouker made a motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance for George Rufo at 5A North Church Street as no work has been done. (DEP # 296-0464) Lisa Bozzuto seconded. Unanimous.

David Cameron reported that the required tree planting has been completed at 102 Interlaken Road. There is a stand of dead trees. David theorizes that a change in hydrology likely contributed to the trees dying. He recommended preserving some dead snags for habitat, and the replacement of the lost trees.

Karen Levy-Lutner's request for 3 trees to be removed. Permission was given for the removal of the tree threatening the driveway and the injection of the diseased ash trees. The tree on the bank will require the filing of a Notice of Intent.

Lisa Bozzuto made a motion to cancel the meeting scheduled for 12/26. Jamie Minacci seconded. Unanimous.

Lisa Bozzuto made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45. Bill Loutrel seconded. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted
Sally Underwood-Miller, Secretary/Member