

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

April 11, 2013

Approved Minutes

Present:

Commissioners: Brett Cherrington, Chair; Rachel Hawkinson , Vice Chair; Terry Yeaton; Ann Ford

John P. Segedy, Recording Secretary

Charles & Linda Megnin, Cheryl Houston

Chair Brett Cherrington called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

Ann Ford was appointed by Chair Cherrington to vote in place of a vacancy.

Visitor Business

Charles and Linda Megnin – Old County Road

Charles Megnin explained that he had come to speak to the Commission about his planned garage project, currently before the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) for a variance. He said that he wanted to address any concerns the Commission may have as had been expressed at the ZBA hearing.

Charles Megnin told the Commission that since the last ZBA meeting, they had received a permit from The Department of Environmental Services (DES) as well as approval from the NH Wildlife Department. He said that he had also talked to Chris Pinkham, who had suggested a panelized approach to construction to minimize impact to the site which he was considering.

Rachel Hawkinson asked for an explanation of panelized construction.

Charles explained it was where the building was constructed in panels off site, which would then be assembled on site.

Ann Ford asked if the variance they are seeking was for the setback from the water.

Charles Megnin answered yes.

Linda Megnin clarified that they also were asking for a variance for the road setback.

Charles Megnin described having upgraded the septic system a few years ago.

Linda Megnin explained that they had gotten a driveway permit from the town last year.

Charles Megnin expressed frustration that he wasn't told at that time that he needed a permit from DES.

Brett Cherrington said he understood his frustration having seen the issue from the otherside.

Linda Megnin said she thought someone should get the information out to people.

Ann Ford, noting that Cheryl Houston also lived in the area and had built in the last few years, asked her if she was informed when they came to town.

Cheryl Houston said she was able to research what they needed to do through the town office with no problem.

Rachel Hawkinson noted that the responsibility falls on the property owner.

Rachel Hawkinson asked what the next step was.

Linda Megnin said the continued ZBA hearing is on April 24th (2013).

Terry Yeaton asked how far the garage will be from the water.

Linda Megnin answered 54 feet. She showed a map/plan to the Commissioners.

Brett Cherrington noted that the Commission had received a copy of the Megnin's DES permit which he circulated for the Commission to review.

Brett Cherrington said that he was the one at the hearings who was pushing for the permit to be obtained before they addressed the variance. He said he likes to leave it to DES and the ZBA to each address their respective issues. Brett Cherrington said that he has mixed feelings about the proposals. He said that he can understand there wanting to have the garage, but he also supports the ordinance and thinks that the concern raised by Roger Racettte during the hearing regarding other lots with same setback problem is a valid one.

Linda Megnin responded that she had reviewed the other lots and that of seventeen on their side of the pond, seven have garages, and nine have width for 200' setback. She said that on the other side, all but two of seventeen have 200' of depth.

Linda Megnin said that she also supports the ordinance but that includes the part that allows for a variance.

There was discussion of the town notifying people about what they need to do and permit requirements.

The Megnins left the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Minutes

1. March 28, 2013

A couple of changes were suggested.

Terry Yeaton moved: *To approve the minutes of March 28, 2013 as amended.*

Rachel Hawkinson seconded. Motion passed 3-0-1 (Ann Ford abstained).

Correspondence

1. **New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES)** – 138 County Road (M 5, L 135) – Shoreland Impact Permit
2. **Intent to Cut** – East Washington Road (M 1, L 58, 80 & 81)
3. **Intent to Cut** – East Washington Road (M 1, L 66 & 67)
4. **Intent to Cut** – East Washington Road (M 1, L 11)
5. **Intent to Cut** – County Road (M 2, L 9)
6. **Intent to Cut** – Danforth Corners Road (M 4, L 14, 17, 22, 23, 51, 65 & 66)
7. **Intent to Cut** – Valhalla Farm Road (M 4, L 35)
8. **Intent to Cut** – North Road (M 6, L 47)
9. **Intent to Cut** – Hall Road (M 10, L 22)
10. **Moosewood LLC** – Invoice.
11. **E-mail thread** – Brett Cherrington & Jeffry Littleton regarding NRI
12. **E-mail thread** – Brett Cherrington & Kelly Dearborn-Luce regarding Beard Brook Pollution testing
13. **E-mail thread** – Brett Cherrington & Kelly Dearborn-Luce regarding Bog Road Bridge
14. **Forest Notes publication.**
15. **New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions** – Bill for Dues (\$265)
Ann Ford asked what the benefits the town receives from membership.
There was discussion of trainings, legislative updates and advocacy.
16. **Town of Hillsborough** – Monthly expense report & Conservation Fund statement

Old Business – Goals

Brett Cherrington suggested putting a list of Loon Awards and background information on the web site. He also suggested creating a water front primer and public information session. After discussion both of these ideas were agreed to by consensus.

Ann Ford suggested trail work.

Brett Cherrington noted the trail plan was out of date and could be considered for revision.

Other Business

Emerald Ash Borer – Terry Yeaton noted news story that it had been found in Concord, NH.
Discussion ensued.

Adjournment

Ann Ford moved: *To adjourn.*

Rachel Hawkinson seconded. Motion passed 4-0 at 8:53 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Segedy
Recording Secretary
Approved April 25, 2013