

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Town of Monterey, Massachusetts

Minutes from Regular Conservation Commission meeting.

MEETING: November 13, 2001

Present: Chris Blair, David Logan, Rick Andrus, David Dempsey, Tim Lovett, Ray Tryon, Bonnie Jurgenson, Clerk

Sachs, Marvin – 126 Tyringham Road – RDA – N2

Rick Mielke was present to represent Mr. Sachs for the repair of an outlet flow pipe located in a man-made pond located on Owner's property. Mr. Mielke plans to cut off and replace the outlet flow pipe with a new pipe, and clamp and seal it. The pond will be lowered to 6-8' by siphoning. The pond size is approximately ¼ acre. There will be excavation on top of the dam, and the roadway around the perimeter of the pond will be used to move the equipment. The disturbed area will be put back into its original state. Mr. Mielke further requested permission to remove the existing dead tree and debris along with western side of the shoreline. Commission approved the proposed work, determining there would be no long-term effect in the buffer zone.

Szanto, Jeffrey – 16 Bidwell Road – Continuance of NOI from 9/10/01 - OOC issued

Mr. Szanto represented himself at this hearing, Glenn Heller was present to protest.

Applicant presented new plans to the Conservation Commission showing a more accurate site plan showing the placement of his dock. The short pathway to the dock is wet and spongy; however it is permissible to pass over this area per wetlands regulation #10:55(b) and (c). The Commission also determined there was no impact on the abutting property. Mr. Heller requested a survey be done to ensure the dock placement is not on the abutting property. The Commission determined the information presented by Mr. Szanto was sufficient and issued the Order of Conditions with the conditions already in place in the Order.

Monterey Highway Department – Abbr. NOI – OOC issued

Maynard Forbes, Director of Operations for Highways, Buildings and Town Property is requesting the installation of several dry hydrants throughout the Town for the purpose of obtaining water for the fire trucks. Work will commence in the fall of 2001, and the balance performed in the spring of 2002. The Commission approved the project and the OOC was issued with the condition that all disturbed areas will be seeded and mulched.

Abramowitz, Mark & Joan (owners) & Roger Tryon (contractor) -

Enforcement Order for breaching a beaver dam and work performed in a pond and vegetated wetlands without a permit.

Craig Lang - Okerstrom-Lang, and the nephew of the property owners were present to discuss the proposed plans prepared by Okerstrom-Lang to restore the disturbed site back to its original state. In reference to item B in the Enforcement Order, Lang indicated no beaver dam or pond were destroyed, since there had been no beaver dam or pond in that "lower" area, stating this area was a natural detention area due to the contour of the land. It was agreed that the remaining items were accurate in the Order. Due to the expense, Owner does not wish to construct a man-made pond in the disturbed area. Commission

agreed to item D in Okerstrom-Lang's proposal for site restoration (attached). Commission has scheduled a site visit on November 19, 2001 at 8:30 a.m. This project has been continued to the next scheduled meeting.

Dolber, Alan – Enforcement Order for work performed in the buffer zone of Stevens Lake outside scope of scope of work granted by the Conservation Commission in the Dolber's filed RDA.

Craig Lang informed the Commission that a Witch Hazel Tree was planted at the specified site on the Dolber property instead of a River Birch Tree due to the unavailability of the River Birch. It was also indicated that only watering was being performed on the trees for maintenance; the trees came with a one-year warranty; and that the Dolbers had the taller of the replaced trees topped since they were in height greater than the Commission specified in its Order.

Schreiber, Lin & Richard – Abbr. NOI – OOC issued

Richard and Lin Schreiber were present to seek permission to remove five dead/unhealthy trees on their property located within the buffer zone of Stevens Lake. The Commission determined the trees posed a safety issue and granted a go-ahead for the project.

Schreiber, Lin & Richard – Lake Garfield Association

On behalf of the Stevens Lake Association, the Schreibers discussed the milfoil problem in Stevens Lake. They informed the Commission that they would monitor the weed problem in the lake starting in the Spring, and if the milfoil continues to grow, they will seek permission to use weevils as a remedy.

November 19, 2001 @ 8:30 a.m. the Commission will meet at the Dolber site for an on-site inspection.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Bonnie T. Jurgenson
Clerk, Conservation Commission