

Egremont Conservation Commission Meeting minutes of August 25, 2016, Town Hall, Egremont, MA
7PM start time.

Commissioners present: Chairman Bill Tynan, Alina Hsu, Ted Rubsamen and Ben Barrett

Guests: Peter Terezakis, Rich Edwards, Mark Pitsch.

Correspondence from Egremont: ~~September~~^{OCTOBER} 16 town committees meeting are to be held. Do we want to set up a table? Consensus is yes. Ben will be away. ~~Ted, Bill and Alina will be able to man a booth.~~

Old Business: FOPL: Ben called Shep Evans regarding extensions. We have the authority to issue a 1,2,3 year extension. Ben to contact Marj Wexler and Joyce Frater to that effect.

The Prospect Lake Dam is not in our wheelhouse, per se. Work done on and around the dam is in our purview. But the integrity is not. FOPL needs to go to the Office of Dam Safety.

Algerie 33 Lakeside Drive: Ben Barrett recounted a phone conversation had with Algerie: The site needs to be re-flagged. The wetland delineation flags installed by SK Design were removed. Without the flags there, it will be difficult to establish distances where the alleged violation occurred. In talking to Mr. Algerie, I suggested that he call SK Design back and have them re-flag the BVW so that we can measure from them. He voiced the concern that it was going to cost \$600 to do so. I said he could ask, and maybe it wouldn't be that much. I then suggested that SK Design email me a PDF with a map showing the flag locations, and perhaps through triangulation, we could establish where the flags had been, and work off a map. So I gave him my email address for SK to send the map, but have not seen one as of tonight. Mark Stinson is tentatively booked for a site visit on September 8, prior to our meeting to inspect the site, and determine a course of action.

The Commission has lost its member Dave Johnson who lived in the community there and was proactive in the Homeowners Association there, which may have disbanded since the infraction. Therefore we are not sure of the status of the HOA. What is the impact if the HOA may no longer be in effect? Who's in charge? Who is liable?

Foresight requested for continuation for the 401 water quality report for **Hakim/Shemshack Nicholson Road** to September 8, 2016. 7:30 PM Motion made to **continue** to 9/8/16 seconded and passed unanimously.

Mark Pitsch 82 Jug End Road deck and staircase project **hearing** opened at 8 PM. The site visit was done by Bill and Alina. A good portion of the work is to be done within 50 feet of the intermittent stream. Replacing stairs or improvement of patio by removing impervious material there and replacing with pea gravel is ultimate end goal. The deck work is outside of the 50 foot zone. After discussion, motion made to close the hearing, seconded. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously. Motion made to issue a negative 3 finding, seconded and passed unanimously. A DOA was issued as such, originals given to Mark Pitsch, and copies to Springfield. The commission agreed to do another site visit to meet with the applicants and the contractor to set flags to site the silt fence location due to the proximity to the stream.

Karner Brook Bridge: Bill sent emails email to Marc Lavasseur regarding OOC item numbers 23-33 prior to construction. Lavasseur replied they did get signed documents indicating contractor, foreman, engineer excavator construction sequence, erosion control measures, preconstruction meeting emergency contact info, etc. prior to initiation to any work. We received email from board of selectman that they are okay, contractor is okay with conditions. Emily Stockman will be the monitor. Ted got the call today for the silt fence and test pit. Silt fence was put in. Vines were heavy. They dug down, and never found the water pipe. They hit water at about 6-7 feet. The water dept could not be reached. Engineered re-bar plans are done for precast components. 4-6 weeks to proceed. A site visit/preconstruction meeting is still needed with all the players involved.

New Business: **Richard Slutzky 42 Blunt Road:** NOI received with plan from Foresight Engineering for removal, dredging and altering in a resource area in order to build a bedroom addition and some other related site work. 8/22/16. Hearing scheduled for 8 PM on September 8, 2016. A site visit will be scheduled prior to the hearing.

Motion made to approve minutes of August 11, seconded and approved.

Motion made to adjourn 10PM seconded and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Ben Barrett, Secretary for the Commission

