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Egremont Conservation Commission

Minutes, meeting of 6/29/2017

Commissioners present: Chairman Bill Tynan, David Seligman, Ron Ronan (first official meeting), Ben Barrett (last official meeting), Alina Hsu

Guests: Brent White of White Engineering, Bridghe McCracken (landscape designer hired by Brent White), Jeff Cohen (new owner of the former Spirit Shop at 71 Main St) and John Ogilvie (20 Jug End Road), Ron Ronan (as applicant, 7 Buttonball Lane)

First and foremost a hearty welcome aboard and thank you to Ron Ronan for stepping up and joining the Commission. Glad to have you aboard.

1	John Ogilvie 20 Jug End Road File No 153-161 OOC dtd 7/27/2006	<p>There is a stream 50-60' from his house & buildings, as well as 2 small ponds about 30' diameter, which fill with sediment. The OOC, which has been timely renewed and is currently active (extended by September 18, 2012 Permit Extension Act), provides for periodically clearing out sediment from the ponds. Dredging is usually done in August (low water). The sediment is deposited far from wetlands, and no re-sedimenting has been observed.</p> <p>John is checking with us, making sure we know about the dredging he plans to do this August, and ensuring that his work is in compliance. We will do a site visit on 5 July at 4 pm.</p>
2	Cather 64 Prospect Lake Rd File No 153-198	<p>Brent White and Bridghe McCracken are representing the owner/applicant. 3 year extension was filed & granted in March 2017. They presented a planting plan under the existing OOC; installation to be done in July-August. The plan specifies native plants selected to provide dragonfly, butterfly, and caterpillar habitat. 11 rare or endangered plants will be integrated. A biological seed bank will be the end result. We found the plan to be well-thought-out. Bridghe noted a stump near the lake which is to be ground to make room for plantings which will be more conducive to stabilizing the bank. The Commissioners said a silt fence would be needed to protect the lake from chips or debris from the stump grinding, but that the silt fence should not be dug into the ground in order to minimize impact on the bank. All other work will be done within normally installed silt fencing.</p> <p>The original OOC specified a date-specific schedule and order of work. Applicants will provide that in advance of work. The Conservation Commission will schedule site visits to monitor the work.</p>
3	James Palmetier / North Egremont Recreation, Inc. 50 Prospect Lake Rd Prospect Lake Dam File No 153-0212	<p>Mike Kulig, of Berkshire Engineering, represents the applicant in this project to maintain and repair Prospect Lake Dam. They are still working on DCR issues, and request a continuance until some time in July. We moved to continue the hearing until 7/29/2017. All approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">27</p>
4	Ron Ronan (recused) 7 Buttonball Lane RDA	<p>Bill Tynan reported on the site visit on 6/14 (Tynan, Hsu, Seligman, Barrett attended). Ron intends to remove fallen trees etc from Karner Brook riverfront areas, manually and/or with light equipment. He will file an RDA, and we plan to schedule a hearing for 7/13/2017 at 7:30 pm.</p>
5	Jeff Cohen (HEARING) 71 Main St RDA	<p>Hearing opened at 8 pm. Jeff described his project, which involves redecking and associated repairs on an existing bridge across Karner Brook at 71 Main St, and pointing of brook-bordering stone foundation on adjacent building, all work to be done by hand with appropriate Brook protection.</p>

		He submitted a letter describing the work from Emily Stockman, of Stockman Associates, who has been hired to oversee the project. Commissioners unanimously issued a Negative 3 Determination of Applicability, with conditions noted. Note: Alina to check on BMPs for bridge masonry work, referenced in Stockman letter.
6	Old Business: Project Review Form	The Commissioners unanimously adopted this form as an option for people who want feedback on their project before filing an RDA or NOI. Alina will contact Will/Mary to have the form posted on the Town website, and to give a copy of the form to anyone who requests one. We also plan to keep some copies on a to-be-designated table space in Town Hall.
7	Shemshack LLC File No 153-0207 Correspondence	The Commission received a copy of a Request for Superseding Order of Conditions filed with the DEP by Alexandra Glover, Esq., representing Applicant in the Jack's Pond NOI.
8	Misc Correspondence	We received notice of annual MACC dues. Bill will pay dues for the four active Commissioners. We received a "Notice of Detachment" from MACC for Ted Rubsamen and Ben Barrett. We need to verify that David Seligman and Ron Ronan have been added. ZBA sent us a notice of a public hearing re Karner Brook LLC, 71 Main St, regarding new uses of the building.
9	Newsletter article	Bill requested brief bios from David and Ron, and a goodbye note from Ben. Alina will update and submit the glyphosate article that wasn't finished/submitted in time last year.
10	Minutes of 6/8/2017 meeting	Minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved.
11	Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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