

Lenox Conservation Commission
Landuse Meeting Room
October 18, 2018
Minutes

Members present: Chair Neal Carpenter, (NC); Joseph Strauch, (JS); Vince Ammendola, (VA); Dick Ferren, (DF); and Mark Smith, (MS)

Absent with notification: Rose Fitzgerald Casey, (RFC); David Lane, (DL);

Staff present: Peggy Ammendola, Land Use Clerk, (PA)

Request for Determination of Applicability, Helen Agar for property located at 72 Plunkett St., Map 3 Parcel 80. The proposed project is the construction of a new septic system to upgrade an existing failed system in accordance with Title 5. Work will take place within the buffer zone to the wetlands.

Brent White of White Engineering presented the application for Ms. Agar. Mr. White reviewed the site plan with the Commission. The home is at the corner of Plunkett and Laurel Lake Road and is served by town water.

Mr. White said that he did a soil evaluation test and found that the ground was too saturated to do a perk test, but an alternative test gave an equivalent of what the perk rate would be. A large amount of leaching area is required on the property with a limited area. The proposal is to remove the failed field and replace with a JET mini waste water treatment plant, which transforms the waste water into effluent which is environmentally friendly. The very low ground water level is shallow so the septic field will be raised above grade. Mr. White said that a number of alternatives were explored with considerations of the Wetland Protection Act, Title 5 and site conditions and this is the best compromise. There is urgency in getting the failed system in place before winter. There will be an erosion control barrier along entire work area.

There was a site visit on October 10th attended by Shannon Boomsma of White Engineering, and Commissioners NC, VA, MS, DL and JS.

VA made a motion to issue a Negative III Determination. MS seconded the motion and the Commission voted to approve 5-0.

Other business:

Solar project: On October 10th, NC and Bill Gop, Superintendent of the DPW, met with the contractor at the landfill to discuss the progress. NC brought the Commission up to date on the work. Most everything has been done with the exception of grinding some stumps down.

Fireworks over Parson's Marsh: Eddy Corbett had complained to NC about fireworks being set off and felt that there should be some regulations under the Wetland Protection ACT. NC spoke with Mark Stinson of MA DEP and learned that there are no regulations. NC advised Mr. Corbett. Mr. Corbett will research to see if another entity has the authority to prevent fireworks in this area.

Approve minutes: October 4, 2018- JS made a motion to approve the minutes with one edit. DF seconded the motion and the Commission voted to agree. The minutes were approved by a vote of 5-0.

DF made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 PM. MS seconded the motion and the Commission voted to agree 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Ammendola