

Redding Conservation Commission

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MINUTES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

8:00 p.m. – Old Town House

Present: David Pattee, Chairman; Jeremiah Ross; William Hill; Frederick Schroeder; Joseph Beres; Wallace Perlman.

Absent: Victor DeMasi

Also present: Natalie Ketcham, First Selectman
Tom Ryder, Environmental Consultant

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

- I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -Meeting of May 18, 2004
-Site Inspections 5/24/04 -50 Old Stagecoach Rd., Mr./Mrs. Flores
-281 Newtown Turnpike, Hal Quick
-123 Black Rock Turnpike, Mr. Lake

On the motion of W. Perlman and the second of J. Ross, the Commission voted to approve the May 18, 2004 Meeting Minutes as amended: Page 1, first paragraph under “Regulatory”, first line, change “The Archers Lane site” to “The Archery Range site”; Page 1, first paragraph under “Regulatory”, first line, change “transfer station” to “transition station”. J. Beres and F. Schroeder abstained.

On the motion of J. Beres and the second of F. Schroeder, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Flores, Quick and Lake Site Inspection Minutes.

- II. REGULATORY
Northeast Power Line Project: Discussion on the proposed transition station locations.

Don Biondi from CL&P was present along with two engineers with Power Engineers and residents of Archers Lane and Diamond Hill. D. Pattee noted receipt of and read into the record letters from Michael Carpenter and Don and Carol Conklin as well as an email from Michael Driscoll.

N. Ketcham clarified that the “Archer’s Lane” spot is deed restricted and therefore is no longer being considered. The two sites under current consideration are the Flag Lot or Archery Range site. Mrs. Ketcham distributed a map depicting all potential sites.

It was determined that the height of the proposed tower would be approximately 92 feet with an additional 15-foot pole on top. Neighboring property owners

expressed their concerns about the likelihood of seeing the tower from their homes.

D. Pattee reviewed the charge of the Commission in protecting town open space. Chris Allen at Land Tech will be requested to perform soils testing in a possible alternate site to determine if it can be considered as an alternative. The CL&P public hearing is scheduled for June 10, 2004 and the CL&P filing to the Siting Council is due by July 1, 2004.

Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

License #03-29, Steven Pomazi, Jr., 12 Sunnyview Drive. To discuss unlicensed work consisting of removal of vegetation and placement of soil on top of the wetland behind the house and to discuss a remediation plan. Discussion 2/17/04. Site Inspection 5/10/04. Discussion 5/18/04.

Steven Pomazi, Jr. was present along with Mr. and Mrs. Pomazi. Mike Lillis has visited the site and Mr. Pomazi stated he is still getting information together regarding seeds and possible plantings.

D. Pattee noted receipt of an anonymous letter sent to T. Gormley along with photographs of work being done on the property. D. Pattee reiterated that no work is to be done with a bulldozer behind the house until the required remediation plan has been received. Discussion will continue.

Application #04-25, Jose and Silvia Flores, 50 Old Stagecoach Road. Received 5/18/04. Discussion and possible vote on an application for construction of an inground swimming pool within approximately 70 feet from a wetland. Site Walk 5/24/04.

Mr. Flores was present. Construction details were reviewed.

On the motion of W. Perlman and the second of W. Hill, the Commission voted unanimously to approve Application #04-25.

Application #04-26, Hal Quick (owner), MacMillan Architects (agents), 281 Newtown Turnpike. Received 5/18/04. Discussion and possible vote on an application to construct addition to the house within the regulated area. Site Walk 5/24/04.

D. MacMillan was present. New drawings were submitted inclusive of the requested silt fence locations.

On the motion of W. Perlman and the second of J. Beres, the Commission voted unanimously to approve Application #04-26.

Application #04-28, Kenneth and Karen deFriesse, 99 Mountain Road. To receive and discuss an application for a garage addition within the regulated area.

Mr. and Mrs. deFriesse were present. Their proposal was reviewed and a site inspection was scheduled for Thursday, 6/3/04 at 6:00 p.m.

Application #04-29, Richard and Daniela Polcari, 30 Rockledge Road. To receive and discuss an application for construction of single-family residence, driveway and septic system within the regulated area.

Richard Polcari was present. After review of the proposed plan, a site inspection was scheduled for Thursday, 6/3/04 at 6:15 p.m.

Application #04-30, Thomas and Teresa Healy, 87 Marchant Road. To receive and discuss an application to dredge and clean out pond.

Thomas Healy was present. The proposed concept was reviewed, however more specific construction details are required before further review of the application. Discussion will continue pending receipt of additional information.

Application #04-31, James Grashow, 14 Diamond Hill Road. To receive and discuss an application to dredge existing pond.

Mr. and Mrs. Grashow were present. More specific construction details are required before further review of this application. Discussion will continue pending receipt of additional information.

Application #04-32, Town of Redding (owner), J. Ross, Project Manager, Main Street, Georgetown. To receive and discuss an application for removal of debris and invasive plants; plant native species at slope and along banks; place medium boulders at eroded bank locations and install silt fence below slope and at top of the path along the Gilbert & Bennett Brook.

J. Ross reviewed application details. Discussion will continue.

III. ENFORCEMENT

Notice of Violation issued to Mr. Robert Gorman, 162 Sunset Hill Road. Discussion 11/4/03; 12/16/03. Discussion re drainage plan. Discussion 4/6/04. Discussion 5/18/04.

No one was present. Discussion will continue pending receipt of drainage plan.

Notice of Violation issued to Mr. Wm Lake, 123 Black Rock Tpke. Discussion 5/18/04. Site Walk 5/24/04.

R. McLaughlin reported on his recent work for Mr. Lake. Details re: tree removal were reviewed and Mr. McLaughlin was requested to refrain from the use of machines to remove the trees.

Notice of Violation issued to Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Valus, 36 Rockledge Road.

Jeff Valus was present. He reviewed the circumstances and submitted photographs. A site inspection was scheduled for Thursday, 6/3/04 at 6:30 p.m.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Stuart Deans will be contacted re: Open Space Town Ordinance

D. Pattee noted receipt of a letter from N. Ketcham re: field cutting.

D. Pattee reported on his upcoming employment change.

On the motion of J. Ross and the second of W. Perlman, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:37 p.m.

Submitted