

TOWN OF BROOKFIELD
Conservation Committee
6 Central Street
Brookfield, MA 01506

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes
Tuesday April 21, 2009
Town Hall 7:00 p.m.

Members Present:
Kenneth Cleveland
Heath Grimes
William Neault
John O'Leary
Timothy Simon

Absent: George Leblanc

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Clear Creek Estates, Rt 148

Mr. O'Leary contacted Mr. Thomas McDermott and asked him to be present at the meeting. Mr. O'Leary turned the meeting over to Mr. Simon. The order of conditions has expired in 2008 and Clear Creek Estates is in violation. Mr. Simon wrote an order of conditions and mailed it to an incorrect address. Mr. Simon stated he is concerned about:

1. Wetland Replication
2. Detention Pond
3. Road for Clear Creek lane

A copy of the old plans were presented to the Conservation Commission. Mr. Cleveland is concerned there is a ditch along Rt 148, that is 12' deep, the replication area is parallel with the roadway. This problem needs to be corrected. Mr. McDermott stated he will talk to his bank Atlas Mortgage to get funds so he can correct the problem. Mr. McDermott said this will take some time and ask the Board to be patient, Mr. McDermott commented he hopes to complete the roadway by June 1, 2009.

Mr. O'Leary asked Mr. McDermott to submit a time table for construction to the Conservation Commission since the Notice of Intent has expired and this is needed to eliminate any future problems. Mr. McDermott will talk to Atlas Mortgage and ask if they could send a signed letter to the Conservation

Commission. Mr. McDermott stated he is trying to sit back and maintain the property until a reorganization has been done.

Mr. Cleveland then asked about the drainage system. Mr. McDermott stated he has 2 catch basins about midway. Mr. McDermott stated there will also be a vertical curb but will not be installed until the construction is complete. Mr. McDermott has revised plans, but did not bring them, he will drop the new plans off to the Town Clerk, showing the whole road profile, new retention pond that will have 120' trap rock.

Mr. Simon stated the biggest concern is wetlands. Mr. McDermott said they are highly conscious of wetlands. Mr. McDermott stated the property has been surveyed. Mr. O'Leary stated we'll see it on the revised plans. Mr. McDermott commented he was not sure, the environmental engineer may have written a comment about the wetlands.

Mr. Simon suggested the Conservation Commission wait until the revised plans have been received. Mr. McDermott will keep the Conservation Commission updated and was informed our next meeting is on May 19, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

Public Hearing O'Clair Property 13 Quaboag St., Business Partial Wetlands open at 7:50 pm.

Present were Mr. Sadowski, Engineer for Mr. O'Clair, Mr. O'Clair and Mr. Ed Williams, 6 Quaboag St, an abutting neighbor.

Mr. Sadowski stated to the Board that the Fire Chief has reviewed the plans, and changes were made per the request: Added door to the garage building, increased pavement to allow turn around area if needed, and made a change to page 2 of the plans revised final plan dated April 4, 2009.

Mr. O'Leary asked about pumping. Mr. Sadowski stated the last 6 pages of the stormwater management booklet includes all the information for pumping.

Mr. Cleveland stated the Conservation Commission is allowing a buffer zone for the septic tank.

Mr. Sadowski then showed a phasing plan for construction.

1. Hay bales
2. Well to be drilled
3. Water detention basin
4. Rough grade roadway
5. Construction garage & septic

Mr. Cleveland said to check with the Highway Dept. they may have a place to dump.

Mr. Simon asked what is proposed shows some removal of natural vegetation and is concerned. Mr. Sadowski stated areas disturbed will get natural vegetation back.

Mr. Simon stated he would like to see permanent markers for boundary and along the fence. Mr. Sadowski stated they have 4 pipes on the property and will add something to make them noticeable.

Mr. Simon stated the Commission has jurisdiction on well for public and private use, and will look into it since there are no town water facilities

available. The current town water was installed by a private owner and the pipes are on his property and will not allow anyone to connect to the line. Mr. O'Leary asked for any comments or suggestions.

Mr. Cleveland asked what will be done if the well is contaminated. Mr. O'Clair stated he will try a 2nd well, if still a problem he may have to go to Rt. 9.

Mr. Simon is concerned about waste & recycle & Chapter 21E, commented a lot of research needs to be done and he will talk to the Board of Health.

Mr. Neault stated the town currently has 12 wells that they check. Mr. Neault then asked if another month would create more problems for Mr. O'Clair. Mr. O'Clair responded no.

Mr. O'Leary asked Board members if they have anymore suggestions or questions, the answer was no.

The Board stated the plans look good, and thanked Mr. Sadowski for all his efforts and the excellent job he did in providing an excellent plan.

Continue Hearing to May 19,2009 at 7:30 pm.

Correspondence:

Letter received for possible Grant on Parkland Acquisition and Renovation for Communities. Mr. O'Leary stated this may be available to help solve the Lewis Field Park East Side of the field where the land was never properly sloped.

Motion made by Mr. Cleveland to inform the Selectman about the Grant program, 2nd by Mr. Nealt, All in Favor.

Mr. O'Leary asked Ms. Stawski to type a letter and to forward to the Selectman.

Mr. O'Leary read the letter received from the Selectman with their concerns on the O'Clair property.

Mr. O'Leary read a letter received from the E. Brookfield stating he was not invited to the meeting on Weir. The gate is partial open and would like both board to participate, currently the highway dept. Mr. Carl Nielsen is raising the gate.

Minutes:

Dec.16,2008 motion made to accept with revision by Mr. Cleveland, 2nd by Mr. Simon, All in Favor with Mr. Neault abstaining he was not a board member and Mr. Grimes abstaining not present at the meeting.

Jan.20,2009 motion made to accept with revisions by Mr. Cleveland, 2nd by Mr. Simon, All in Favor with Mr. Neault & Mr. Grimes abstaining.

Feb.17,2009 motion to accept with revisions by Mr. Cleveland, 2nd by Mr. Grimes, All in Favor with Mr. Neault abstaining.

March 17,2009 motion made to accept by Mr. Cleveland, 2nd by Mr. Neault, All in Favor with Mr. O'Leary abstaining not present at the meeting.

Other Business:

Mr. Simon found a problem with the paperwork on Mr. Clarence Snyder III of Gay Rd. The plans presented were contradictory and incorrect due to the

perennial river and 200' riverfront. Mr. Simon spoke with Mr. Snyder III about the problem, and Mr. Snyder III stated he would wait. Mr. Grimes tried contacting Mr. Leblanc a Conservation Board member to ask for a letter of resignation, since he has not been able to attend any meeting since last year in August, he was unsuccessful, and he will try to contact him by mail.

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Stawski Secretary for Conservation Commission

Minutes approved: May 20, 2009

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