

Town of Southeast
Conservation Commission
One Main Street
Brewster, NY 10509

MINUTES FROM THE MEETING
OF
February 28, 2006

PRESENT: Susan Anthony, Don Cuomo, George Hauser, (Wetlands Inspector) Michael Langley, Mary Ellen Tiernan, Peter Tringali and Angela Morelli (AA)

ABSENT: Steve Fasano (Chairman)

ORDER: 7:30 p.m.

AGENDA:

Pledge of Allegiance

76 Dingle Ridge Road – Beth Evans is representing this project. It is not an application yet, but they would like the board's advice as to whether or not they will be able to apply to perform the work. This is a restoration of an old farm. The current owners like the brook flowing through the farm, but the stream bed has been filled with debris. The owners would like to restore the stream by removing some of the debris. The gravel and silt deposits will be cleaned out to return the natural rocky shore line and to remove some of the invasive species that have grown. Suitable shrubs and herbaceous material will replace the invasive species. This will all be done by hand. This is a class C stream. The removed material – mostly gravel will remain on site. Because of the debris, the stream has changed and during high water this causes additional damage.

Mr. Hauser would like the board members to visit this site.

Approval of January 2006 Minutes - The minutes from January 2006 are unanimously approved.

High Meadow Farm- The applicant requests to defer any further discussion until next month.

Landau- There have been no written comments received regarding this application. Ms. Anthony makes a motion to waive the public hearing. Mr. Tringali seconds the motion. All are in favor. Mr. Cuomo suggests that the portion of the common driveway be completely removed from the buffer. Ms. Ryan states that she will make this change if it is also acceptable to the Highway superintendent and the Town Engineer. According to this information she will either alter the plan or leave it as is and return next month for a determination.

JP International - All submissions relevant to the application are in order. The complete fee has been received. Mr. Cuomo and Mr. Langley are questioning the break depicted in the wetland. They believe that it is continuous from walking the site. Mr. Hauser, through past experience with the site, as well as seasonal site walks believes that this area does have a break. He notes that the vegetation growing would indicate that there is a break. The rise in the area causes a change in the drainage.

Mr. Hauser leaves it up to the members to decide whether or not they want to review the old delineation or suggest to the town to hire an independent soil scientist. Mr. Cuomo believes that this needs to be addressed as crossing a wetland is very significant and would change the decisions on the application. Mr. Hauser does not believe that this will change the application much.

Mr. Cuomo makes a motion to suggest to the Town Board that they hire an independent Soil Scientist to investigate this site.

Ms. Tiernan seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Chairman Fasano - ABSENT
Acting Chair Hauser – NO
Ms. Anthony - NO
Mr. Cuomo - YES

Mr. Langley - YES
Mr. Tringali -
Ms. Tiernan – YES

There is a stalemate so Mr. Hauser suggests that this vote be deferred until next month when there is a full board present. He accepts the applicant's suggestion to have Mr. Koslowski, the professional that delineated the wetland to be present at the next meeting. He reiterates that all board members must visit the site.

Jonke Building Lot - The plan has been changed per the suggestions received at the last meeting. The driveway has been moved to cross the narrowest point of the wetlands. The point of access has been moved to a more compatible spot regarding grading.

There is _____ acres of wetland disturbance and _____ acres of buffer disturbance. In order for the members to make an accurate site visit, they have requested that the center of the driveway be marked. Mr. Nichols agrees to have the driveway marked and will contact the board's secretary to notify the members when it is done.

Ms. Anthony makes a motion to notice the application complete. Mr. Langley seconds the motion. All are in favor.

Salmon Daily Brook- Mr. Buschynski again reiterates the history of this project.

Mr. Mitch Morra, the owner of the abutting property states that since the fill has been placed on Lot # 49 his basement has flooded twice. In the seven years before the fill was placed his property had never flooded. He is concerned that more disturbances will cause additional flooding on his property.

Mr. Buschynski states that he does not see how this fill would have caused the water table to rise. The water drains in a different direction from Mr. Morra's home. Mr. Buschynski states that the direction of this flow will not change. Mr. Morra believes that the placement of the fill may have changed the flow of the drainage.

Mr. Cuomo disagrees. He believes that the addition of fill will certainly change not only the surface runoff direction but the water table as well. Addition of fill into a wetland will raise the water table.

Mr. John Lord is asking about the placement of the items on the plan.

Mr. Langley makes a motion to defer making a determination until the next meeting. Ms. Anthony seconds the motion. All are in favor.

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