

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

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MINUTES FROM THE MEETING
OF
April 26, 2005

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

ABSENT: None

ORDER: 7:35 p.m.

AGENDA:

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of March 2005 Minutes: – The minutes are unanimously approved.

Waterview Estates - The certified mail receipts noticing the application complete have been received. There will be continued discussion this evening and the date for the Public Hearing will be set.

Theresa Ryan is representing this project. Last October revised plans were submitted to the Planning Board significantly reducing the size of the project. Originally this was to be a five lot subdivision with two private roads and three stormwater basins. In reducing the subdivision one lot and one private road have been eliminated and two storm water basins have been removed. The zones and setbacks have changed so some of the houses and driveways have been moved and buffer plantings have been added. Overall, the disturbance has been reduced by more than an acre and a half. After these changes were made and the project came before the Conservation Commission the disturbance was reduced even further. There was some testing done and hard rock was hit so it changed the amount of grading in the buffer. One driveway has been moved from the extended buffer by relocating a rock wall.

Two members have walked the site.

Chairman Fasano asks what the status of the storm water management report is.

Ms. Ryan states it has been submitted to the Town and DEP. A Notice of Complete Application was received from DEP.

Mr. Tringali asks if the runoff will increase on Allview Avenue.

Ms. Ryan responds that, in working with the Town Engineer and the Highway Superintendent they have added extra drains that will channel the water back into the stormwater detention system and actually reduce the runoff to Allview Avenue.

Mr. Cuomo asks for a clarification of the reduction in number of stormwater basins.

Ms. Ryan explains that originally one basin discharged into another. They were able to reduce that to one basin only.

Mr. Cuomo asks what type of fill will be used.

Ms. Ryan explains that it will be natural materials. It will look like lawn. You will not be able to tell that there is a basin there except for the little bit of water at the bottom. There will be subsurface drainage, a grassy swale, and the sub surface pond.

Chairman Fasano, referring to a letter from Mr. George Yourke, asks that the classification of the watercourse be clarified and if there is a way to document the existence or nonexistence of artesian springs. He states that from his observation it looks like an intermittent stream. He also requests that the excessive material that appears to have been dumped in the stream bed from another project be moved.

Ms. Ryan replies that Mr. Gianetto of DEP flagged the watercourse, and denoted that most of it is intermittent, until a certain point then it becomes perennial. The watercourse was signed and validated by Mr. Gianetto.

Ass for the excessive material, it does need to be removed as it is not suitable for a road base.

Mr. Fasano asks if a tree and forest preservation plan has been submitted.

Ms. Ryan states that it has been submitted.

Mr. Fasano asks if there is a plan for a barrier for the down slope properties of the roadway.

Ms. Ryan says that she will discuss this with the applicant.

There is no wetland disturbance for this project. The original amount of buffer disturbance for the five lot plan was about 3200 cubic yards of fill and 700 cubic yards of excavation. The fill has been reduced by about 200 cubic yards in the buffer and the excavation is about the same since most of the reduction is outside the buffer. There is about 200 linear feet of private road in the buffer and grass swales to get drainage to the stormwater basin. The DEP asks that the stormwater be discharged to an existing water body, watercourse or wetland, accounting for the swales. From the first submission to the Conservation Commission disturbance to the extended

buffer has been reduced by about a tenth of an acre by pulling the driveway out, reducing the two basins to one, and reducing the amount of fill.

Ms. Ryan states that she thinks by taking a harder look at one area, the amount of fill and limits of disturbance may be reduced.

Mr. Cuomo asks that the same hard look be taken at the conveyance to the stormwater basin. It appears as though it may be able to be removed from the buffer area.

Ms. Ryan says she will look at that.

Mr. Cuomo also asks about the volume of subsurface flow from two of the upstream side backyards.

Ms. Ryan states that a 15 inch culvert beneath the road will be used to accommodate those flows.

Mr. Fasano asks if there are any further questions. He encourages all members to make an appointment to see the site.

Mr. Cuomo states that he would like to see the proposed revisions before the Public hearing if possible.

Mr. Fasano asks if these can be received a week to ten days before. Ms. Ryan states that she will be able to do that.

Mr. Fasano makes a motion to set the Public Hearing for May 24, 2005.

Mr. Cuomo seconds the motion. All are in favor.

Wetlands Inspector's Report: The fill at the Ross Allan lot has been spread, and Mr. Hauser states that this is a violation, but he would like to review the past notes on it before he takes further action.

Mr. Hauser makes a motion to adjourn.

Ms. Anthony seconds the motion.

All are in favor.

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