

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 12, 2008**

PRESENT: Arthur Christian, Chairman
Glenn Neilson, Vice Chairman
Barbara Chain, Treasurer
Bob Roberts
Jack Leahey

ALTERNATES: Andy Krar
Keith Golembiewski

RECORDING SECRETARY: Robin Newton

CONSULTANT: Gerald Turbet, P.E.

ABSENT: Thomas Heffernan, Secretary
Raymond Wilcox

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER-7:00 P.M.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Keith Golembiewski was appointed voting rights for Thomas Heffernan. Andy Krar was appointed voting rights for Raymond Wilcox. The secretary read aloud the agenda for the record.

II. INFORMAL DISCUSSION

A. Scott Hoffman-Modification to Approval-Lot 15 Overlook Estates-Spruce Street. Change in Home Location.

Glenn Neilson made a motion to change the informal discussion to a permit amendment. Jack Leahey seconded the motion which was made and carried unanimously.

Conservation consultant, Gerry Turbet indicated that this was one of the Liquori subdivision lots that was previously approved. Mr. Turbet explained that the current lot configuration shows the house located to the rear of the property located near another lot and home. The applicant is proposing moving the home forward on the lot to move the home away from the rear property boundary but will place the home near a isolated wetland area. Mr. Turbet indicated that Micharl Gagnolati, soil scientist had been out to the site and had classified this wetland area as a low quality wetland with no connection to the wetland located to the east.

The secretary, Robin Newton, added that Scott Hoffman, the applicant, had indicted that he would prefer to have his home located in front of the existing barn. The proposed home is currently shown located behind the barn on the property. Mrs. Newton also indicated that there is currently a farm road which existing on the property in the area which the applicant would like to relocate the home.

With no further discussion, Glenn Neilson made a motion to approve the plan modification to permit #1467 for Lot 15. This approval is for the relocation of the home to the south side of the existing barn. The applicant shall provide a

plan showing grading, home elevation, soil and erosion control measures and footing drains. The plan shall be submitted to the building department and shall be reviewed by the conservation consultant as part of the building permitting process. Jack Leahey seconded the motion which was made and carried unanimously.

III. RECONSIDER PERMIT CONDITION

A. Permit #1516-Briarwood Homes-27 Lot Subdivision to be served by Public Water and Sewer-Mapleton Avenue. This property is located on the east side of Mapleton Avenue nearest intersection being Thompsonville Road. Map #63H, Block #14, Lot #'s 68, 69 & 69-1.

The secretary read aloud for the Commission a letter from the Briarwood Homes requesting the Commission to reconsider permit condition #15 which stated that no work shall be started on the site under the Conservation permit until the Zoning and Planning permit is obtained.

Mr. Turbet indicated that while that is a condition in the permit approval it is also a regulation.

The secretary added that this permit approval had interveners as parties to the proceedings and that in considering a condition that those individuals thought existed could create a legal issue.

The Commission discussed the ramifications of allowing Mr. Roy to start work on the Conservation permit. After discussing the issues associated with the request the Commission decided to table this request to another meeting so that staff and the Chairman could contact Town Counsel concerning the issue.

Glenn Neilson made a motion to table this discussion. Bob Roberts seconded the motion which was made and carried unanimously.

IV. FOLLOW UP PERMIT CONDITION-FINAL APPROVAL OF LOTS

A. Permit #1504-Elzear Roy/Briarwood Homes-24 Lot Subdivision with Individual Wells and Public Sewer-South Street and LaFountain Road. This property is located on the east side of South Street and on both sides of LaFountain Road. Assessor's Map #35H, Block #35, Lots #5A and #8 in Suffield.

V. CONSULTANT'S REPORT

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 8, 2008

VII. ADJOURNMENT