

This property is located on the north side of Mountain Road nearest intersection being Ff Tyler Place. Assessor's Map #34H, Block #30, Lot #127. This permit will expire on May 12, 2013. The applicant has paid a fee of \$160.00.

PLAN ACCEPTANCE

Permit # 1543 – Miller – Site Modifications – 1242 South Street. Assessor's Map 29H, Block 37, Lot 17. This property is located on the east side of South Street, the nearest intersection being Marketing Drive.

Keith stated this application is for acceptance. The application is complete and the filing fee has been submitted. The proposal involves work within 25' of an isolated man made wetland. This determination was made back in 2003 (Permit # 1374) during a previous application for work on this site. A representative from Sage Engineering briefly went over the plan. After a brief discussion, Ray made a motion, seconded by Tom to accept the plan and put it on the January 26, 2010 agenda. The motion was made and carried unanimously.

Permit #1544 – Arcor Group, LLC – Commercial Building – Kenny Roberts Memorial Drive. Assessor's Map 30, Block 25, Lot 62-8. This property is located on the east side of Kenny Roberts Memorial Drive, at the intersection of Spencer Street.

Keith stated this application is for acceptance. The application is complete and the filing fee has been submitted. The proposal calls for the construction of a 12,000 square foot commercial building. Ray made a motion, seconded by Norman John, to accept the application and put it on the January 26, 2010 agenda. The motion was made and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Permit Number 1542 – Griffin land – Wetland Map Amendment – Copper Hill and Phelps Roads. Assessor's Map 5, Block 10, Lot 1. This property is located on the east side of Copper Hill Road at the intersection of Phelps Road.

Vice Chairman Glenn Neilson opened the public hearing at 7:30 P.M. Consultant Keith Morris read the legal notice. Keith told the commission that several green cards have not come back to the commission. He also stated this hearing was for a wetland map amendment only. All materials have been on file at the town clerk's office.

State soil scientist David Askew has reviewed the wetland boundary marked in the field by the applicant's professional soil scientist Michael Gragnolati. He had Mike delineate several isolated wetland areas which are depicted on the revised plan. Mr. Askew has approved the revised wetland boundary and has issued his report. Keith handed out several copies of his report to the public.

Glenn stated that the applicant's representative shall make a presentation, followed by questions from the commission. The meeting shall then be opened to the public for questions.

Professional soil scientist Michael Gragnolati made a brief presentation. He explained that the town wetland map is an approximate boundary based on the soil conservation service soils map. When a parcel of land is being developed and the field delineated boundary is different than the town map the property owner is required by law to file for a map amendment. In this case the field delineated wetlands result in much more regulated wetlands on site than the town map. Mike went over the difference in the town boundary and his delineated boundary.

Andy asked about the 100' buffer shown on the plan. Mike stated that is not supposed to be on the plan. Keith recommended that the commission request an amended plan that only shows the town line, the delineated line, and topography. Tom asked if the plan before the commission is the revised plan. Mike stated it was and went over the additional areas.

Glenn Neilson opened the meeting up to the public.

Public:

Richard Wrzesinski – 3543 Phelps Road – Wanted to give the proper spelling of his name for future correspondence.

Mary Ann Webster – 845 Copper Hill Road – Ms. Webster asked if the finding of additional wetland decreases or increases the amount of buildable land on site. Mike explained there is now less usable land on site because of the additional wetlands. Ms. Webster also asked if this was a precedent setting hearing. Both Mike and Keith explained that this process is required by law if there is a change from the town wetlands map and that this process has been carried out numerous times in town over the last forty years.

Lilly Simons – 3580 Phelps Road – Ms. Simons asked what all the orange flags were along Phelps Road. Mike explained they had nothing to do with him but could be from surveyors work.

Dorothy Butkus – 860 Copper Hill Road – Ms. Butkus asked if they would be allowed to fill in wetlands. Mr. Neilson stated that is normally not allowed and depending on the amount might require a permit from the U S Army Corps of Engineers.

Mark Tassinari – 3727 Phelps Road – Mr. Tassinari wanted Mike to outline the property line. Mike went over the property line for the public.

Michael Hysler – 875 Copper Hill Road – Mr. Hysler asked if the property has ever been before the commission before. The commission did not recall any previous filings.

Consultant Keith Morris submitted a letter from abutter Richard Kamm into the record, dated January 5, 2010. Keith spoke to Mr. Kamm several times. He is on vacation and unable to attend the meeting.

After a brief discussion, Tom made a motion, seconded by Norman John, to close the public hearing. The motion was made and carried unanimously.

Ray then made a motion, seconded by Tom, to put it on the January 26, 2010 meeting for decision. The motion was made and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSULTANT'S REPORT

Keith handed out a draft of the public comments for the Suffield Plan of Conservation for the commission to review. Keith also stated that the budget process has started and requested any comments/suggestions for the upcoming budget year be brought to his or Art's attention. Glenn asked for an update on the South Grand Street project. Keith stated that all material has been spread and will be mulched shortly if it hasn't already.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 10, 2009

Andy Krar made a motion to approve the amended minutes as written. Norman John Noble seconded the motion which was made and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Andy Krar made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Tom Heffernan and was made and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Tom Heffernan