

Permit # 1587 – Suffield Academy – New Campus Road –North Main Street. This property is located at 185 North Main Street. Assessor’s Map Number 33H, Block 30, Lot 108.

Consultant Morris presented this application for the construction of a new campus road at Suffield Academy. The road does involve work within the upland review area. A discussion followed on whether or not to schedule a public hearing. It was decided that a public hearing would not be necessary, however, the Commission asked Phil Cyr of Suffield Academy to notify the abutters along Marbern Lane of the meeting on October 9, 2012. Mr. Cyr said he had no problem notifying the abutters.

Vice Chairman Neilson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Krar, to accept the application of Suffield Academy and to put it on the October 9, 2012 meeting agenda. The motion was made and carried unanimously.

Permit # 1588 – Reed – Farm Road Drainage Pipe Installation – Mountain Road. This property is located at 185 Mountain Road. Assessor’s Map Number 15, Block 19, Lot 3.

Permitted Use As of Right Determination – Reed – Clearing For Horse Pasture – Mountain Road. This property is located at 185 Mountain Road. Assessor’s Map Number 15, Block 19, Lot 3.

Consultant Morris presented the two applications submitted by Bob Reed. Both applications are for work that has already been done. The first is for the installation of a drainage culvert for an existing farm road and the second is for clearing for a horse pasture.

Chairman Christian asked Consultant Morris to read two letters submitted by the applicant’s soil scientist. Mr. Morris read the letters. After a brief discussion, Vice Chairman Neilson Made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Noble, to accept both applications and to put them on the October 9, 2012 meeting agenda. The motion was made and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING (CONT.):

1. 7:30 P.M. - Permit # 1582 – (1566) – O’Neill – 10 Lot Subdivision – 373 South Main Street. This property is located on east side of South Main Street, nearest intersection being Suffield Street. Assessor’s Map Number 35H, Block 48, Parcel 95-1.

Consultant Morris updated the Commission on this application. The hearing has been continued several times to allow time for the applicant to solve issues he was having with the sewer design on site. The applicant is now proposing to have grinder pumps service the nine new lots instead of tying into the sewer main on the abutter’s property to the south.

Commissioner Cashingino left the meeting at 7:55 P.M.

Brian Denno, of Denno Land Surveyors then addressed the Commission. A discussion followed on the proposed storm drainage system. Town Engineer Gerry Turbet was present and stated that he has done an initial review of the proposed storm drainage system and that the proposed detention basin is oversized. Vice Chairman Neilson asked if a right to drainage is required for this project. Mr. Turbet stated that a right to drain is not required

if there is no increase in peak flows off the site. Vice Chairman Neilson and Chairman Christian expressed concerns that the project might worsen an existing erosion problem off site down grade of the detention basin. Brian Denno stated that the storm drainage system as proposed would not impact the abutter's property. Abutter Richard Bryll addressed the Commission and expressed his concerns regarding more water draining onto his property. He is also concerned that the location of the detention basin will impact his fields to the north of the basin.

A discussion followed on the elevation of the storm water vortex unit and the overall drainage patterns on site.

Hearing no more public comment, Chairman Christian declared the public hearing closed

After discussion by Commission members, Commissioner Krar made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Noble, to amend permit number 1566 to include extension of the roadway and the construction of an additional three houses with the following conditions:

- 1-11) Suffield Conservation Stipulations 1-11 shall apply (copy attached).
- 12) A soil and erosion control specialist shall be hired by the applicant with reports submitted to the Commission biweekly during construction of the roadway and infrastructure. Reports shall be submitted on a biweekly basis and/or after every ½" or more storm event during construction.

The motion was made and carried. Chairman Christian and Vice Chairman Neilson were opposed to the amendment. They stated their reasons as being concerned that the project will add to an existing erosion problem on the abutting property to the south.

DECISION:

Permit # 1585 – Town of Suffield – Boston Neck Bridge Rehabilitation Project – Boston Neck Road. This property is located on Boston Neck Road, nearest intersection being Mather Street.

Town Engineer Gerry Turbet presented this application to the Commission. The bridge will be reconstructed in the same format. Work involves demolition of the existing bridge deck and demolishing the existing retaining walls and abutment caps. The new bridge involves reconstruction of the retaining walls, new pier caps, and the placement of precast deck units. In order to enhance drainage, the new bridge will have a 1% slope from west to east. Drainage structures are proposed that will accommodate storm water drainage and allow for future improvements to address existing drainage problems in the area.

Mr. Turbet stated that the Army Corps of Engineers has reviewed the project under a Category 1 review.

Vice Chairman Neilson asked if an inspector shall be on site during construction. Mr. Turbet stated that they are required to have an inspector on site during construction and there shall also be a contractor's trailer on site.

After discussion, Vice Chairman Neilson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Krar, to approve the application of the town of Suffield for reconstruction of the Boston Neck Road Bridge with the following conditions:

- 1-11) Suffield Conservation Stipulations 1-11 shall apply (copy attached).
- 12) The Town shall employ an inspector for the project to insure the project is completed according to the approved plans.

The motion was made and carried unanimously. The filing fee for this application has been waived.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSULTANT'S REPORT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 11, 2012

Commissioner Noble made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Krar seconded the motion which was made and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Krar made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Heffernan was made and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Tom Heffernan