

Conservation Commission Meeting
Sharon Community Center
April 25, 2019 – DRAFT

Margaret Arguimbau, Chair, Michael Donatelle, Jon Wasserman and Keevin Geller were the members present. Stephen Cremer, Alan Westman and Meredith Avery were not present. The Conservation Administrator, Greg Meister, was also present.

*A sign-in sheet is on file in the office listing other attendees of the meeting.
Meeting started at 7:45pm*

7:45 PM – Request for Determination, 10 Merchant Street, Removal of 6 trees

Daniel Merrikin from Legacy Engineering was presenting for the applicant. The applicant is proposing the installation of a billboard at end of Merchant Street. Merrikin showed Commission members, the place on the plan (on file in the office), where the billboard would go. Merrikin noted that the Zoning Board approved the project. The plan is for the removal of five of the taller trees where the billboard is to go up. The top of the billboard is approximately 80 feet high, with the lower part of the billboard at 60 feet. The plan is to leave the lower canopy. Other trees in the area will be pruned. A crane will be used to remove the trees. The tree stumps will be cut flush to the ground. There will be no disturbance in the area. Riprap will be used to help with erosion control. This project will need to be approved by the Mass DOT before any work can begin. An arborist will be hired to review and determine what can be cut and what cannot. 25% of the canopy will need to remain. Once the billboard is installed, additional pruning may be required.

Motion: to close hearing and issue a Negative Determination per plan and per the presentation this evening. If something unforeseen comes up, the office should be notified. Upon completion of the installation of the billboard and all associated work, the silt sock should be removed.

Geller, Wasserman 3-1-0 (Motion Passed)

8:00 PM – Extension Permit Order of Conditions, SE 280-0579

Old Post Road - Sharon Galleries Roadway

This project has been ongoing since 2007. An order for the roadway was issued three years ago and is due to expire in April. The Conservation Administrator requested the developer file an extension for this project. The applicant was unable to come in for this evenings meeting, but will be present at the next Commission meeting. The extension order will be signed this evening; however the chair requested that the extension order be held until the applicant comes before the Commission to provide an update on the project.

Other Business

Arguimbau asked members if they were available to meet next week. There is a Town Master plan meeting scheduled for May 13th and she would like to discuss with Commission members items on the Town Master Plan.

Members signed voucher (for advertising expense)

Lake Update

Meister informed Commission members that the lake water is up.

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Will wait for the next meeting

Meister not sure if anyone has been down to 383 Old Post Road. That is the site for the proposed Chinese Church. Over the past couple of weeks, there have been meetings with Building Inspector, Joe Kent and Meister regarding the project. The applicant presented to the Commission and complied with the Conservation Regulations, however the project did not proceed. It has been over two years since the project was approved. The applicant submitted plans for review to the Board of Health Agent for Septic, but there were some problems. The proposed project is located within Zone 2, a water district. They would like to keep the house that is currently on the property as well as build the church. There is not enough land, nor can the land be subdivided to allow for a compliant septic system. Meister mentioned that this is one of the reasons to follow process and present projects to all necessary boards to ensure the project is viable. It will be interesting to see what happens now.

Next meeting

It was decided to keep the regular schedule for meetings. The next meetings are May 2 and May 16.

The meeting was adjourned and members entered into a working session to work on the Open Space Master Plan.

Wasserman, Geller 4-0-0 (Motion Passed)