

Conservation Commission Meeting
Sharon Community Center
October 18, 2018 – DRAFT

Margaret Arguimbau, Chair, Jon Wasserman, Meredith Avery, Keevin Geller and Stephen Cremer were the members present. Michael Donatelle and Alan Westman 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.

7:45 PM – Request for Determination – 15 Cattail Lane

Corey Everleigh, Environmental Pools presenting for the applicant. Working off the plan for the project (on file in office) Everleigh noted that siting of the pool house was approximately fifty feet from the no build line. He also showed where the in-ground pool will be situated. Everleigh showed Commission members an overhead view of the property, which also showed where the pool and pool house will be situated. Several trees will need to be removed prior to installation of the pool. Arguimbau asked if a tree count had been performed. Everleigh responded that a tree count has not been performed as his client was waiting to see what he would be allowed to do. Originally, the applicant was proposing to do more on site, but has scaled back the project. There is a CR on the property and the applicant is trying to stay away from that part of the property. Some questions were posed by members of the Commission noting the location of the pool. Due to the location of the septic system and leaching field, the pool could not be located closer to the home. There is also a shed located towards the end of the grassy area. Arguimbau noted that perhaps if the shed were shifted a bit, the distance between the pool house and the wetlands would increase and move further away from the fifty foot buffer. The applicant was asked if he would consider this. The applicant responded he was agreeable if that is what the Commission preferred.

Everleigh was asked about erosion control measures. Meister said that a silt fence would be OK. Avery inquired about the drawdown of the pool at the end of the season and backwashing. Everleigh responded that no backwashing was required for this type of pool. They do pump down at the end of the season to close the pool. Everleigh noted that they could put in a dry well for the pump down. He also noted that the pool was a salt water pool.

The applicant has agreed to shift the shed and pool house as requested by the Commission. A new plan will be submitted noting these changes, and will also show where the dry well will be placed. The hearing will be closed pending receipt of this new plan.

Motion: to close hearing pending receipt of new plan.
Wasserman, Geller 5-0-0

Motion: to issue Negative Determination. Conditions to include installation of a dry well and a silt fence, notification of office prior to work beginning, and per plan.
Wasserman, Geller 5-0-0

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At page two, fourth paragraph, beginning with Meister. Replace sentence with the following: Meister and Arguimbau are clarifying the responsibility of the developer per the development agreement with respect to the bogs.

Motion: to accept meeting minutes as amended
Wasserman, Avery 3-0-2

Lake Update

Botanist was at lake looking at the Toothcup plant. She recommends leaving the hay bales in place until the first frost. She also mentioned that the next time the lagoon or lake is treated, the hay bales should be put further out into the water as the toothcup plants are showing up within the margin of the lower level of the water. The treatment this past summer seems to be working.

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General Business

Arguimbau received email from Administrative Assistant to the Selectman. BOS are looking to meet with the various Chairs of town committees for an update of on what has been happening this past year.

Town Master Plan

October 25 Town Master plan meeting will be held in the ballroom of Community Center at 7pm.

Recreation and Open Space update

Arguimbau and Avery have met a couple of times to review and incorporate changes. They plan on meeting once more to incorporate updates and changes and then will forward to the Recreation Director.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 1st.

Motion: to adjourn

Cremer, Avery 5-0-0