

Conservation Commission Meeting
Sharon Community Center
January 9, 2014

Peg Arguimbau, Chairperson, Christine Turnbull, Keevin Geller, Elizabeth McGrath and Stephen Cremer were the members present. Linda Orel was absent from the meeting. The Conservation Administrator, Greg Meister, was also present.

7:45pm Abbreviated Notice of Intent (ANOI)
426 Old Post Road & 1000 General Edwards Highway

Hearing was opened and continued to a later date

Motion to continue until notified by applicant
Cremer, Geller 5-0-0

Voucher passed around for signatures

Lake update:

Meeting was held this morning. Discussion centered on the issues at the boat launch. Beginning to narrow down things to present to larger meeting with other groups who have an interest in the lake.

The need for a washing station was discussed and it was determined that at this time it was not necessary to purchase. It is an expensive endeavor and it is felt that visual inspections at this point would work just fine.

Question still remains as to who will monitor the boat launch? The position of Harbor Master with support staff was discussed as well as the time frame for the boat launch to be monitored.

Selectman Roach thought the Conservation Commission should be responsible for supervising the Harbor Master position. Arguimbau responded that it was her opinion that this was out of the Commissions domain and purview.

Currently the Harbor Master is the Town Manager who reports to the Selectman. The Recreation Department would be agreeable with letting go of monitoring the boat launch area if a suitable replacement was agreed upon.

Arguimbau inquired with the Commission their thoughts on taking over the responsibility of supervising the Harbor Master. The general consensus was that position of Harbor Master should remain with the Selectman. The Commission has specific responsibilities such as providing support, training and ongoing training for the Harbor Master and staff, but ultimate responsibility should reside with the Selectman. The position of Harbor Master will require approximately 300 hours of Harbor Master Training. For the support staff, DCR will come out and provide boat-monitoring training.

A Commission member inquired as to whether the boat launch area will be the only point to launch boats and if Jet Skis would be banned from the lake. Arguimbau responded that those points would be discussed at the next Lake meeting scheduled for January 23rd. The Lake working group is optimistic that something would be put in place and ready to go by April 1st.

8:00pm Continuation of hearing

Sharon Fairways LLC and Site C

Abbreviated Notice of Area Delineation (ANRAD), 149 East Street

John Keegan of Site C was the representative for the applicant. He explained to the Commission that a review of the wetlands line had been conducted by Meister, the Conservation Administrator and Chris Capone, a wetland scientist from Site C.

Keegan presented a plan showing the uplands and wetland area showing the new wetland line agreed upon by Meister and Capone and that he would like for the Commission to accept this new wetland line.

Arguimbau explained the process of an ANRAD to the abutters who were present.

Wetland flags had been hung showing the wetland line. A number of these flags were taken down and the line needed to be re-established. Meister met Capone at the site and walked the property and re-established the wetland line.

This wetland line sets in place the line, which the Country Club will use to begin its planning. The wetland line establishes a 100-foot buffer zone. Any proposed activity within set buffer zone would then come back to the Commission for review.

There were some changes to the original wetland line, which made the wetlands more expansive. There was a question as to how the land is currently zoned? Recreation? If so, would this then need to be changed? Under whose jurisdiction does that fall?

The abutters will be notified of the next filing. The homeowners are their own best advocates. This project will most likely go before the Zoning Board, Planning Board and the Conservation Commission.

Motion to close hearing
Cremer, McGrath 5-0-0

Motion to agree with wetland designation as presented on revised plans presented and to issue the ANRAD
McGrath, Gellern 5-0-0

Members signed voucher.

Conservation meetings scheduled for January 23, February 6, March 6 and March 20th. Rules and regulations will be worked on by the Commission.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:35 pm
5-0-0.
Cremer, Geller