

EGREMONT CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

Members virtually present: Tynan, Seligman, Fakelman, Campbell, Riordan, Frater (Associate)
Guests virtually present: Mike Parsons, Elizabeth Keen, Al Thorp, Jayne Smith, Evan Abramson, Del Kinney, Karen Climo, Jonathan Magnotti

Called to order: 5:32 p.m.

Reading of advisory procedures for Zoom meetings

Approval of minutes of previous meeting: Approved as distributed.

Public Hearings:

Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) by Egremont Agricultural Commission regarding the proposed French Park Pollinator Project, a portion of which would involve disturbance of wetlands. Hearing opened 5:35 p.m. Presentation by Evan Abramson. "Wet meadow" populated by non-native and invasive plants. Proposal to remove them in 10 ft. strips either side existing mowed pathway and to remove all invasives around large tree and replace with shrubs. Project presented as an IMPROVEMENT of the site for replacement of invasives and non-natives with all native plantings for better soil and drainage management, increased pollinator activity, etc. Site visit report from Fakelman, Riordan. RDA approved with conditions. Conditions: Specified disposal of all invasives; specified disposition of removed sod; site visits following removal of sod and invasives and after completion of replacement plantings. Hearing closed at 5:57 p.m.

Notice of Intent (NOI) by Georgette Ashe-Kinney, 32 Oxbow Rd., regarding construction of a single family dwelling on lot Map 7, Parcel 450 A, (just south of the intersection of Jug End Rd. and Mt. Washington Rd.) the entire area located in the special flood hazard area 100 yr. flood plain of Karner Brook and possibly including BVW (Bordering Vegetative Wetlands.) Hearing opened 5:59 p.m. Mike Parsons presenting. Fish and Wildlife approved as a non-taking. File number assigned by DEP. Site is staked, "cut" tables provided by Magnotti. Jayne Smith, licensed soil evaluator will conduct soil testing and report prior to next meeting. Meeting continued to September 24, 5:30 p.m. Hearing continued, 6:10 p.m.

Projects New And Ongoing

Review of current building permit applications. Important the members periodically review these to note any matters of concern.

Citizen Inquiries: None

Correspondence:

Inquiry from Elizabeth Goodman regarding Ogilvie Wet Meadow Project, re: removal of stakes. Fakelman will remove flags. Note with sympathy the passing of John Ogilvie.

Inquiry from Leslie Alfin regarding proposed Project at 9 Second St. New project not covered by old RDA. Need to file RDA.

Receipt of Environmental Monitor.

Notification from Housatonic Valley Association of completion of Egremont Road Stream Crossing Inventory for prioritization of culvert improvements or replacement.

Receipt of Common Ground Newsletter.

Administrative: Discussion of Select Board's proposed process for efficiently handling building permit filings. Tynan discussed with McGurn and Pollard. Agreed to authorize Chair to sign off on any permits that are not identified by Concom as being of Wetlands concern. Any identified as being of concern will require Concom review. Policy moved and approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 6:27 p.m.

Next regularly scheduled meetings: September 24, 2020; October 8, 2020

Respectfully submitted: David Seligman