

TOWN OF SOMERS
Conservation Commission
600 Main Street
P.O. Box 308

SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2020
4:00 PM MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE
MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Joan Formeister at 4:02pm. Commissioners in attendance were Candace Aleks, Daniel Fraro, Greg Genlot, Drew Kukucka, and Karl Walton. Also in attendance were recording secretary Tara Comrie and Wetland Agent Joanna Shapiro.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Extension of Decision (up to 90 days per Governor Executive Order 7I):

Application #734: 142 Turnpike Road. Construct single family home in Upland Review Area. Estate of Jane Palmer – Frank Palmer Executor

Agent Shapiro stated that the extension allowed on an application decision is normally up to 65 days, but due to current circumstances the governor has allowed an additional 90 day extension. Karl Walton asked if the applicants are required to take the full additional 90 days. Greg Genlot stated that the extension should be extended the full 90 days, and Agent Shapiro added that the applicant can request a meeting before the additional 90 days are up if necessary. Candace Aleks stated that the original 65 day decision window would have ended on May 9th. Joan Formeister stated that the extension of the decision would then be 90 days from May 9th. Agent Shapiro stated that the soil scientist will be looking over the property in the meantime. Joan Formeister asked Mike Mocko if he had any input regarding extensions and he indicated that he does not have a concern.

Greg Genlot motioned to extend the decision an additional 90 days from May 9th.

Candace seconded.

All in favor. Motion is approved.

2. Discussion/Possible Decision: Application #735: 82 Hangdog Lane. Construct single family home in Upland Review Area. Dan Roulier Associates.

Agent Shapiro reminded the commission that she emailed a copy of the plans for this property last month. She then stated that she did not receive any questions or concerns back from the commission. Agent Shapiro explained that the property is in the Cooksville subdivision and that it has minimal grading with no wetlands on the lot. A small portion of the house and driveway are within the 100' Upland Review Area of a stream off-site. Joan Formeister asks for a motion for the purposes of discussion.

Karl Walton motioned to approve Application #735.

Drew Kukucka seconded.

Karl Walton asks if the lot in question is a lot that had previous concerns. Mike Mocko states that it has not. He explains that the lot on 82 Hangdog Lane had been a pasture and is currently mowed grassland. Mr. Mocko states that there are only two trees on the property, on the front fence line facing the street. He stated that there is a small intermittent stream on the adjacent lot. He stated that the lot in question is not a sensitive lot for development because the proposed activity is only within the buffer zone. Mr. Mocko stated that he will be using a silt fence and other provisions for the buffer zone such as standard erosion controls.

Agent Shapiro presented an aerial shot of the lot taken in 2016 to the commission. She stated that the lot is clear and that the front of the lot is level with very minimal grading required. Agent Shapiro confirms that there is a stream on the adjacent lot that goes north across state line.

Greg Genlot asked Mr. Mocko about whether or not the 100ft buffer line was expected to cut through any portion of the house and driveway. Mr. Mocko verified that the buffer line would go through the corner of the house and small portion of the driveway. Mr. Mocko then stated that the front yard is flat, preventing runoff from driveway both during and after construction. Agent Shapiro confirms that the driveway is in the buffer zone by a few feet. Mr. Mocko clarified that the buffer zone is 10 feet into the circle of the driveway.

Karl Walton asked Agent Shapiro if she has any issues with the proposed plan. She responded that the minimal grading and use of standard E&S measures would not present a problem, and that she had no other concerns. Agent Shapiro added that the septic system would be placed outside of upland review area, and Joan Foremeister stated that the builder has received the sanitarian's approval for the septic already. All in favor. Motion approved.

III. MINUTES APPROVAL: February 5, 2020

Joan Foremeister stated that she had a concern about the previous month's minutes. She stated that Mike Mocko was the participant who had asked about plans for the septic. Karl Walton made the motion to approve the minutes including the correction that Joan Foremeister made.

Greg Genlot seconded.

All in favor. Minutes were approved.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Karl Walton made the motion to Adjourn.

Greg Genlot seconded.

All in Favor. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 4:23 P.M.