

PLAN ACCEPTANCE:

Permit #1561 – Desteph – SFH – North Stone Street. This property is located on the east side of North Stone Street, nearest intersection being Oak Street. Assessor’s Map Number 14, Block 16, Lot 47.

Consultant Keith Morris presented the application to the Commission. The plan calls for construction of a single family home with septic system on the east side of North Stone Street, just south of Oak Street. There are no wetlands on site. Commissioner Neilson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Heffernan, to accept the application and put it on the May 24, 2011 agenda for decision. The motion was made and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING (CONT.7:30 P.M.):

Permit # 1560 – Blanchette - Wetland map Amendment – Bridge Street. This property is located on the south side of Bridge Street, nearest intersection being Thrall Avenue. Assessor’s Map # 55H, Block # 47, Lot 14C

Consultant Keith Morris updated the Commission on this application. Mr. Morris stated that the hearing was continued so that Commissioners could visit the site and a clarification could be obtained from Dave Askew on certain portions of his report.

Consultant Morris then read excerpts from Mr. Askew’s updated letter. Mr. Askew did not see any vernal pools or additional wetland areas other than what was delineated on site and depicted on the submitted plans.

Commissioner Neilson stated that they could not find any wetland flags during their site visit. There were some orange flags that were not numbered. Soil Scientist Tom Peitras explained that orange flagging was used in the northern portion of the site because the wetlands had been delineated several times in the past with blue and pink flagging.

Commissioner Wilcox asked about recent fill that was brought into the northern portion of the site and leveled out. A lengthy discussion followed on the fill and whether or not it was within wetland areas

Public Comment:

Sasha Covino of 425 Thrall Avenue did not have any comment but stated she was recording the meeting for her neighbors.

The Chairman declared the hearing closed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Neilson. The motion was made and carried. Commissioner Wilcox was opposed to the motion due to the fact that it is his opinion that the fill issue should be resolved prior to closing the hearing.

A discussion followed on the issue of fill being brought onto the site. It was decided that test pits shall be excavated on Tuesday, May 17, 2011, to determine if the fill is within wetland areas. The consultant will also draft a letter to the property owner regarding the potential violation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Reed MacNaughton addressed the Commission regarding several revisions Blue Sky Builders is considering for Permit # 1543 (single family home on Thrall Ave.). They would like to revise the driveway culvert and pave the entire driveway. After discussion the Commission stated that the request for the revisions would require approval of a formal amendment at another meeting.

CONSULTANT'S REPORT

The Consultant did not have a report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 26, 2011

Commissioner Neilson made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Noble seconded the motion which was made and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Heffernan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Noble and was made and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Tom Heffernan