

PEPPERELL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes – March 16, 2010

The Pepperell Conservation Commission (PCC) held a regularly scheduled meeting under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, §40 and the Pepperell Wetlands Protection By-Law. The meeting was held in the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Elliott presiding, Rand, Rice, and Sauer; member absent: Masterson, Moody, and Steeves.

7:00 p.m. Discussion with Mark Archambault of the Nashua River Watershed Association about working with other communities for water resources protection

Mr. Archambault was unable to attend the meeting.

7:30 p.m. Public Meeting re RDA filed by Steven and Haley Laken for construction of an addition at 38 Lawrence Street

Haley Laken attended the meeting to discuss their project. Under the Pepperell Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Commission determined that the project area involves BVW, and the proposed activity must meet the 50' setback requirement to the fullest extent possible as a lot created before May 6, 2002.

Elliott asked how big the proposed addition would be. Lakin said it would come 8' out from the house and would be 21' wide, as shown on a project sketch. Rice asked whether the proposed roof line would be an extension of the existing house roof. Laken said yes. Rice asked about the topography. Laken said that the yard is flat for about 12' away from the house, then slopes away toward the wetland. Rice asked about drainage from the new roof. Laken said that the house has no gutters and that none are proposed. Elliott asked if the addition was to have a full foundation. Laken said that it would be built on hand-dug tubes, thus creating very little loose soil.

Elliott suggested that during construction there should be a silt fence coming off the driveway, connecting with the 20-foot offset line, and running between the wetlands and the house until a distance that is perpendicular to the north corner of the house. Elliott asked if that would provide enough room for construction equipment. Laken said that the contractors will be accessing the site from around the other side of the house, so there was no concern about the placement of the silt fence or need for further silt fencing. It was agreed that the silt fence would be inspected prior to the commencement of work.

Steven Laken arrived at the end of the meeting.

On a motion from Elliott, seconded by Rand, all

VOTED: to issue a Negative 3 & 6 Determination with a special condition requiring erosion control be installed and inspected before the project may begin.

The meeting adjourned at 7:41p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Sauer