

Town of Avon

Conservation Commission

Public Hearing- Thursday, August 8, 2019

Members Present: Kevin Mooney, Edward Mekjian, John Costa

Absent: Christopher Canducci

Others Present: Brian Donahoe, Peter Lyons, Michael Venisky, Joseph Aiello, Steven Monahan

Kevin Mooney called the public hearing to order at 7:26 PM.

Other

A Motion was made by John Costa, seconded by Edward Mekjian to nominate Kevin Mooney as Chair.

A Motion was made by John Costa, seconded by Kevin Mooney to nominate Edward Mekjian as Co-Chair.

Discussion: There was a discussion as to the funds received for filings with the Conservation Commission and what account the funds are being deposited into. There is a need for a professional to do site inspections.

A Motion was made by John Costa, seconded by Edward Mekjian, to approve the meeting minutes listed on the agenda. All in favor, vote unanimous.

A Motion was made by John Costa, seconded by Edward Mekjian, to approve payment on a warrant for \$199 to pay annual dues. All in favor, vote unanimous.

RDA -75 Crane Street

Kevin Mooney read the public hearing notice. Peter Lyons of Collins Engineering presented a plan for 75 Crane Street to upgrade an existing residential septic tank with a 1500-gallon, two compartment tank and gravity feed it to a 14' by 29' leaching bed. He noted that the plans were revised and dated July 10, 2019. The leaching units will be as close as 56 feet from the border and vegetated wetland line. The tank is about 75 feet off the wetland line. We still maintain the 10 feet requirements from the tank. No tree removal is anticipated. Slight topographic change, a variance was requested through the board of health and I believe was approved. Erosion control starting at the side yard and wrapping around the entire project. An eight-inch straw waddle is proposed. Site access is from the driveway around the house. No stockpiling is proposed. The grade will be carried out from the back of the deck and then dropping down. The feel of the yard

will be the same and the grades will basically be the same. Up to 20 yards of fill will be brought in. Any questions? See none. Kevin Mooney notes that the board is looking at trying to expedite the process when a septic upgrade is applied for. The process would be for you to keep it as far away from the wetlands, use erosion control properly, keep the site clean, don't stockpile material, clean up anything that falls in the street and one new one to be put on the list is pictures. Photographs of the area before and after.

A motion was made by Edward Mekjian, seconded by John Costa, to approve a negative three determination for the septic upgrades with the conditions just stated. All in favor. Vote unanimous.

NOI -7 Hendricks Street DEP# 99-0174

Kevin Mooney read the public hearing notice. Kevin Mooney clarified that this is a system upgrade for a conservation member who is not here tonight. Peter Lyons of Collins Engineering presented a plan for a repair of a failed septic system and the removal of an existing pool and patio area. There is a proposal for a 1500-gallon two compartment tank to a 1000-gallon pump chamber to an elevated leaching bed to the back of the property. They are as tight to the house as we can be with the board of health setbacks. We still end up as close as 27 feet to the flags. We are proposing a retaining wall along the southerly and easterly edges of the project, that is going to prevent any surface water from getting back towards the house. There will be approximately a two to three-foot change in grade on the back of the house. We propose erosion control consisting of a 12-inch silt sock wrapping around the project, paralleling both lot lines on the side. Site access is going to be from the driveway on the southern side. Test pit two-due to lack of space is to be re-excavated and used as a de-watering pit as required. Erosion controls remain in place till the site has been stabilized. We are 20 feet off the house and the tanks are 12 feet off. It will be built up two to three feet and will be a pump-up system. Kevin Mooney asked if there would be equipment in the wetlands area and it was stated that there would not be equipment in that area. All site access will be done from the side. Any further questions? See none. Kevin states that the board will need to know how much excavation is going on so that it can be put in the order of conditions.

A motion was made by Edward Mekjian, seconded by John Costa, to approve the order of conditions for 7 Hendricks Street with standard conditions and photographs before, after, and while the work is going on. All in favor. Vote unanimous.

RDA-225 Bodwell Street

Kevin Mooney read the public hearing notice. Brian Donahoe introduced himself as Vice President of Environmental Consultants in Braintree. He notes that the building is being sold and due to all the rain in March they had issues of high ground water. They met with the Board of Health and suggested a French drain would intercept ground water and it would go into the drainage ditch. See letter from Kathleen Waldron, Board of Health Agent. He notes that the phragmites would be taken care of. He put this information into the RDA under section two of

the project description. Kevin Mooney states that if this is approved it will become a continuing condition and the new owners will be required to maintain it. Brian Donahoe stated that he has already told the new owners. Any excavation will be stockpiled on the upgrading side so that if it does rain it will go into the trench it will not go into the wetlands. Any questions? See none.

A motion was made by John Costa, seconded by Edward Mekjian, to approve a negative three determination with standard conditions for 8 Kathrine's Way with standard conditions. All in favor. Voted Unanimous.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Edward Mekjian, seconded by John Costa to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 PM.

Next meeting scheduled on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Kevin Mooney, Chairman