

**Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2012**

Present: Lester Garvin, Chair (LG)  
Brian Clark (BC)  
Will Thayer (WT)  
Dave Fessenden (DF)  
Brittany Martin (BM)  
Louis Pagano (LP)

The meeting is called to order at 7:35pm.

1. Board reviews the July 11, 2012 minutes. DF moves to accept the amended minutes, BC seconds and all vote in favor.
2. Board discusses Russ Evens site visit. WT states that they confirmed the location where he wants to put the temporary bridge and he believes there was a 50 foot right of way. The bridge would be located to the side of the river toward Beldingville Road because there are existing abutments for the bridge to cross the river. The abutment is made of small/medium stone. There will not be any trees cut down in the process of putting in the bridge. One of the reasons to put in the bridge would be to cut out some timber in the area, when Russ was at the last meeting he mentioned other purposes including: walking the dogs and snowmobiling.

The land owner, Peter Corens, has to sign off on the NOI. Russ never mentioned a permanent bridge but never set a time when the bridge would be removed. WT thinks there has to be a NOI and that the project cannot be done with an RDA. A forest cutting plan can be submitted without an NOI, WT doesn't think that the service forester will condone that. There was a temporary bridge for a forest cutting plan for 2 years in the past. A wooden platform was placed for a temporary bridge at that time; WT will confirm that with the forester.

During the initial site visit PL heard Russ make a comment that he was going to continue with the bridge installation. The Board didn't give Russ any indication that that was okay, there was no deliberation.

Regarding a separate project, the Board recommends to Russ that he needs to contact the NRCS because the land is clearly a resource area. Russ's intention for this project is to keep water from flooding his field. This project, from a wetland standpoint, is not a good thing because it could potentially double the amount of water flowing into the channel that he wants to divert the water into.

The runoff into his field has doubled since work has been done on the other side of the road. Drainage was put in however it could have been placed to send the water further down the road. If a culvert is put in they could channel the water down the upper side of the road. BC thinks what Russ is proposing is exempt.

3. Board discusses Louis Pagano; his home is located on Route 116. The South River flows down and has a tendency encroach on his house. Substantial work has been done to redirect the river to protect his house from river erosion. Currently he has to back out on 116 to get out of his driveway so he would like to put in another driveway so that he is able to turnaround. He would also like to install an open end carport, 20'x20' in size, 65' from the river. The trees existing around the area will not be harmed. The proposed location of the structure would be 7'6" from his shop. Board reviews the map that LP provided for his proposed driveway and carport. Board has jurisdiction of the 100' of buffer zone and 30' on riverfront. Board informs LP that the whole project can be done with an RDA. WT suggests that LP fill out a Building Application and give it to the ZBA to see if he can even move forward with this project. LP will contact the ZBA.
  - a. Documents present:

- i. Aerial view of land provided by LG.
  - ii. Drawing of land and surrounding structures, driveway, greenery provided by LP.
4. Board discusses the On-Line Building permits.
  - a. Roy Rudolph submitted an application for a 12'x20' deck to be attached at the rear of his home. No site view or plan attached to online application. Board discusses the proposal for Roy's deck located on 211 Spruce Corner Road. BC signs off on the project during the meeting.
5. DF motions to adjourn the meeting, BC seconds.

Meeting adjourns at 8:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brittany Martin