

**Town of Foxborough
Conservation Commission Minutes
September 26, 2011**

Members present: Robert Boette (Chair), Allan Curtis (Vice-Chair), Eric Nelson (Clerk), Judith Johnson, Douglas Davis and James Marsh
Absent: Valerie Marshall
Also present: Jane Sears Pierce, Conservation Manager

Meeting Opened

Bob Boette opened the meeting, held in the Andrew A. Gala Jr. Meeting Room, at 7:00 PM.

NOI, DEP #157-502, 86 Ridge Road, Yan Fisher

Bob opened the hearing by reading the legal notice. Rod Carter of Rod Carter & Assoc. represented the applicant, Yan Fisher, who was also present.

Mr. Carter described the proposed garage with one story addition and presented photos of the property. Mr. Fisher outlined the proposed changes to the driveway and the addition of a retaining wall and Cultec recharge system to resolve the runoff from Ridge Road coming down his existing driveway. He added that they propose to plant a native vegetation buffer in the 25 No Disturbance Area along the rear of the property. Mr. Fisher stated that he received his ZBA decision letter of approval. The Commission discussed the site's significant impervious areas, suggesting the use of pervious pavers instead of asphalt paving in the driveway to help infiltrate stormwater on the site. Pavers are also proposed near the dock where Mr. Fisher hopes to remove some concrete in the future. Bob wants to see all proposed alterations on the revised plans.

Mr. Fisher stated that they discovered 3" of gravel in a drainage pit under the existing shed and were proposing to divert stormwater from driveway into this gravel pit. Regarding the site's in-ground pool, Mr. Fisher stated that they use a standard pool filter that does not need to be backwashed; the gravel pit will not be used for any pool discharge.

The issues caused by the dip in the driveway were discussed. They are proposing to raise the driveway's elevation with soil that will need to be removed to create the home's addition; soil removal was discussed. Mr. Carter stated that they were proposing to remove the existing pavement and Mr. Fisher stated that they may need to bring in some soil. The Commission indicated that a construction sequence and additional siltation controls would be needed. Also, the removal and storage of soils and how they plan to prevent runoff must be addressed.

Jane stated that the proposed project had become more complicated than the project that she, Mr. Fisher and his representative had discussed. Since the current version of the plans were very difficult to read, the Commission asked for a new set of plans, signed by a civil engineer; one showing existing conditions and one showing proposed changes.

The Commission asked about the site's dock. Mr. Fisher stated that the dock on the property is a floating dock and he sometimes takes it out.

Motion was made by Doug Davis to continue the hearing for DEP #157-502 to October 3, 2011 at 7:05 PM; seconded by Jim Marsh. **Vote: 6-0-0.**

369 Central Street, Continued NOI, DEP #157-500, Big Y Foods, Inc.

Bill Buckley, Bay Colony Engineering, representing the applicant attended the meeting.

Mr. Buckley explained that he had previously addressed concerns noted in Jane's Manager's Report and had provided the remainder in a written report. He explained the proposed landscaping plans and added a note to the sheet regarding damage to trees. The Riverfront area calculations form, although confusing, was discussed. Mr. Buckley also discussed the site's snow removal/storage plan; snow would not be located within the riverfront area or the detention basins. A snow removal plan is required prior to the building's occupancy.

Motion was made by Allan Curtis to close the hearing for DEP #157-500; seconded by Doug Davis. **Vote: 6-0-0.**

Manager's Report

Jane presented her Goals & Objectives list for the Commission's review and approval. This report, required by Kevin Paicos, is due on 9/30.

Jane presented a draft Property Usage form for the Commission to review and approve. She had recently received requests from the Boy Scouts to use the Lane property for weekend camp-outs. She had created the form as a type of application for use, which could be amended slightly to be a permission form. The use of porta-potties versus latrines was discussed. The Commission approved the form as amended.

Conservation Rental Properties

Jane stated that the rental properties are at the "wait and see" stage.

2011 Ethics/Conflict of Interest Review

Jane reminded the Commission that the 2011 Ethics/Conflict of Interest review is due.

Upcoming Events

Jane announced three upcoming events: the MACC Fall Conference, the 2011 NE Wildlife Trackers' Conference, and the AMWS Annual Meeting.

242, 244 Main Street (Old Judge Brown Property)

Jane informed the Commission about a parcel of land that was for sale. She spoke to Sharon Wason (Town Planner) about the property and Sharon was looking into grants to purchase the property. Allan stated that they had enough land. Judi stated that she does not want to see houses built there and noted that the land was contiguous to/surrounded by Conservation property. Eric agreed.

Meeting Adjourned

Motion was made by Eric Nelson to adjourn; seconded by Doug Davis. **Vote: 6:0:0**

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Nelson, Clerk

Draft minutes submitted by Lee Ann Tavares: 10/4/11

Reviewed by Jane Sears Pierce: 11/1/11

Approved by Commission: 11/7/11