

STOCKBRIDGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, 24 October 2017
Town Offices Meeting Room, 7pm, Stockbridge, MA

Present: Ron Brouker [presiding], George Shippey, Tom LaBelle, Louise Gachet, Joe DeGiorgis, Sally Underwood-Miller.

George Shippey made a motion to approve minutes from Tuesday, 10 October 2017. Tom LaBelle seconded. Unanimous.

Jim Scalise of SK Design came in for a preliminary informal presentation on the proposed Desisto development. They will come in for a more formal presentation at the November 14 meeting. Their intention is to file an ANRAD.

Pursuant to a site visit, Tom LaBelle made a motion to approve the Request for Certificate of Compliance for the Berkshire Theatre Festival Lavan Campus, Rte. 183/Rattlesnake Mtn. Road. DEP # 296-100 (1990) Commissioners reviewed the project on site with Fred Sears of Hill Engineering. Sally Underwood-Miller seconded. Unanimous.

At the request of the applicant, the Notice of Intent for Laurie Richman, 3 Oak Street (Map 205, Lot 67) was continued. The project is for removal of ledge and expansion of the driveway. They are appearing before the Planning Board.

The Commission received notice from NHESP late Friday afternoon (after the agenda had been posted) that the area identified as containing the endangered species plant (reviewed by a representative from NHESP) Great Blue Lobelia had been designated Priority Habitat. In light of that development, the hearing was reopened on the Notice of Intent for George Rufo, 5A North Church Street. (Map 219, Lot 29) The plan is for construction of barn and septic system. The project had been approved under the WPA, but the Town Wetlands Bylaw protects endangered plant species. "The Commission may also deny permission for failure on the part of the applicant or the applicant's representatives to meet the design specifications, performance standards, and other requirements in the regulations, or for failure to avoid or prevent unacceptable, significant or cumulative effects upon the resource area values protected by this Article." As the Commission has no expertise in the protection and preservation of this particular plant, more information is needed. Therefore, the Commission decided to deny the project under the Town Bylaw, giving the applicant and NHESP to recommend appropriate measures to protect the habitat and plants. Sally Underwood-Miller made the motion to deny, pending an approved plan to preserve the plants. Tom LaBelle seconded. Unanimous.

Tom LaBelle made a motion to adjourn the hearing at 8:45. Joe DeGiorgis seconded. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Underwood-Miller, Secretary