

**STOCKBRIDGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, 12 December 2017**  
**Town Offices Meeting Room, 7pm, Stockbridge, MA**

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

Tom LaBelle made a motion to approve minutes from Tuesday, 28 November 2017. Ron Brouker seconded. John Hart abstained. 6-1-0 Motion carried.

Michael P. Buffoni, Water Superintendent came in informally to discuss plans for the maintenance for water mains. The plans include grass mowing in the wetland. This work has been neglected for several years, but is necessary to maintain the integrity of the water mains. It had been done previously by a group of kids. They will now use a marsh master for the mowing. Some of the largest trees are 4". They will be dropped and chipped.

Brent White of White Engineering came in to present preliminary plans for an extension of a retaining wall at Camp Mahkeenac. The current plans are for a geo probe test to understand the formations below the proposed wall. They need to know what may be required to secure the new wall and avoid future erosion.

Brent questioned the Commission's Order of Conditions for 5A Church Street. The concern is that the language may preclude the final approval of the project. The Commission stands by its issuance. Without feedback from NHESP, the proper and effective procedure for protecting the endangered Giant Blue Lobelia is not clear. The Commission needs to see what steps are recommended by NHESP prior to final approval.

The Request for Determination of Applicability for Carl & Stephanie Bradford, 2 Sawmill Road. (Map 225; lot 34) The plan is for rip-rap treatment to an embankment along the side of the driveway. The Commission is still awaiting a revised narrative. The hearing was continued.

Bob Fournier of SK Design presented the Request for Determination of Applicability for the Kripalu Center for Yoga & Health, 57 Interlaken Road. (Map 202, Lot 17) Revised plans were presented for the generator relocation. It will be located more than 50' from the resource area and the pad will be tipped toward the street with a 2' sand diaphragm to collect any spilled fuel. Any contaminated sand can be removed. Joe DeGiorgis made a motion to approve the project as revised and close the hearing. Tom LaBelle seconded. Unanimous.

Based on a satisfactory site visit by Commissioners, Tom LaBelle made a motion to accept the Notice of Intent under the Scenic Mountains Act for Kripalu Center for Yoga & Health, 57 Interlaken Road and close the hearing. (Map 202, Lot 6) The plan is for the reconstruction of existing parking lot. (SK) John Hart seconded. Unanimous.

Louise Gachet made a motion to cancel the second meeting in December in celebration of the holidays as is the Commission's custom. Tom LaBelle seconded. Unanimous.

George Shippey made a motion to adjourn the hearing at 8pm. John Hart seconded. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Underwood-Miller, Secretary