

STOCKBRIDGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, 8 May 2018
Town Offices Meeting Room, 7pm, Stockbridge, MA

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

Jay Rhind made a motion to approve minutes from Tuesday, 24 April 2018 with corrections. John Hart seconded. Unanimous.

Carl Bradford of 2 Sawmill Road came in for an informal discussion regarding 3 trees that are close to the work area. One tree is dead, and the other two will be compromised by the work according to the contractor. The trees will be cut flush and left in place. Commissioners agreed to the additional cutting.

Commissioners received a report of a brush dump on Hill Road. There is concern that there may be some impact on the nearby resource area. Commissioners will do a driveby.

Mike Kulig of Berkshire Engineering and Craig Okerstrom-Lang presented the Notice of Intent for Raynor Warner, 53 Interlaken Road. (Map 202, Lot 4) The proposal is for the restoration of an existing house (c) 1830-1840) with a large addition. Also present were Ranne Warner, Reid Warner, attorney Lori Robbins, Nellie Wilson of Butternut Tree & Landcare, abutter Tom Stokes and Dane Pechalonif. The addition will be comprised of 3 levels including the “silo” which will serve as an office/personal space for Mrs. Warner. Shadow Brook, a perennial stream, runs through the property, along with the associated wetland. The existing driveway is within the riverfront, as well. In order to mitigate for the disturbance in the riverfront, the applicants propose to 1) move the septic field further from the riverfront. 2) remove invasive species plants and replace them with native species using mechanical means (including monitoring for 3 years for regrowth of invasives). 3) Additional plantings of trees and shrubs. A small orchard will be planted in the center of the circular driveway. There are roof gutters on the existing house. A pipe system and raingardens will be designed to take care of any additional runoff. The additional 14 trees to be removed fall within the new structure, and a new upland woodland will be created using shrubs, native trees and plants, along with a few Norway Spruce. Tom Stokes expressed his support of the project. Commissioners will meet on site at 4:15 on Tuesday, and reconvene for a special meeting on May 15 at 6:30 to deliberate. The Secretary will post the special meeting.

If there are no additional application between now and then, the regular meeting for May 22 will be cancelled.

John Hart made a motion to adjourn the hearing at 8:17. Jay Rhind seconded. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Underwood-Miller, Secretary/Member