

Barrington Conservation Commission
Minutes for Tuesday, October 9, 2012, Meeting
School Committee Room, Barrington Town Hall

In attendance: Cyndee Fuller, Ed Ionata, Doug Materne, David Boyes, Joseph Roberts, Leslie Weeden. Cyndee called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Zoning Board/New Applications

Application #3692. Modern Industries, c/o Ned Ladozzi, 242 West Exchange Street, Providence, RI 02903, applicant, Michael and Shelly Prebenda, 56 Bourne Lane, Barrington, RI 02806, owners, for permission to construct two new decks on east side of home, construct two-story addition and addition to existing first story and garage; Assessor's Plat 26, Lots 11 and 193, R-25 District, 56 Bourne Lane, Barrington, RI 02806, requiring dimensional relief for side yard setback as well as being within 100' of a wetlands/waterbody.

Michael and Shelly Prebenda said that they recently moved to Barrington. They have six children and one of their sons is moving from Thailand with his family, so they need to accommodate them. They want to extend the deck on two sides, convert a great room over the garage into two bedrooms, and add an eight-foot extension to the garage with a new foundation on the front side of the property. The deck extensions would be on six to eight sonotubes and laminated beam supports.

Cyndee said that an issue that often gets raised is that people buy property, and then immediately want to make changes. The Prebendas said that they didn't know that their son would be moving to the United States to live with them when they purchased the property.

David motioned to approve the application with a notation that the wetland edge be corrected on the site drawings and the setbacks revised accordingly, that all construction materials be stored in back of the house (non-water side), and that erosion control measures be taken per the site diagram. Joseph seconded. All were in favor.

Review of Last Month's Applications

Application #3689 - Continued to this month. William Fleming, 9 Baron Road, Barrington, RI 02806, applicant and owner for permission to construct an elevated deck and porch. This was postponed because the representative didn't have a formal letter stating that he was the designated representative.

Application #3683, Francine Soldi, 27 Half Mile Road, Barrington. This was previously denied. (Some language was clarified in the denial and there was a vote to support the denial that was voted on before.)

Minutes

The minutes from the Tuesday, September 11, 2012, meeting were unanimously approved.

Town Council Update

The plastic bag ban was approved with a sunset provision. This means that if in two years the Council does nothing, the ban will go away, but the Council can also reinstate it. Discussion about other communities following suit. Joseph said that he was approached to talk to the Warren Conservation Commission and Roger Williams students for a sustainable future asked him to help them try to get a similar measure passed in Bristol.

Residences at the Preserve: The developers appealed the Planning Board decision, but there have been no changes to the plan.

Leisure Director: Peter DeAngelis interviewed four people for the position.

Zion: Is the property up for sale again? Shine Harmony is talking to Peter DeAngelis about its options. Discussion about current maintenance of the property.

Zoning/Planning Topics

Lezaola Land Donation: This is a half-acre property on Peck Lane, north of the pond that was part of the Peck Estate (off County Road, north of Primrose Hill Rd.). It's not a buildable lot. Discussion about the pros and cons of the town accepting the donation, which is appraised at \$64,000. Doug recommended that the Town Council accept the property as open space. Joseph seconded. All were in favor.

Barrington Environmentally Safe Turf Program: Signs are being made that will be posted on the town's fields.

Comments to Ed on DEM wetland changes:

Cyndee: 10,000 square feet may be too big (re: requirement that all excavation and land disturbance activities greater than 10,000 square feet apply for zoning approval)

Also, area of disturbance, how is that to be measured? Ed said that he has a definition that he can send to Cyndee.

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Leslie Weeden, Secretary