

## Minutes of a Conservation Commission Meeting - 24 July 2019

Members present: Peter Vincent – Chairman, Stuart Lollis, Geoffrey Kontje, Bob Avakian, Christina Brown, Lil Province, Jeff Carlson

Staff: Jane Varkonda, Lisa Morrison

### PUBLIC HEARINGS:

**Purdy** Request for a determination of applicability for septic upgrade, Fowler Lane. Continued for Board of Health Review.

**Chasin** Request for a determination of applicability to install a memorial labyrinth to honor Laura Chasin, Chasin Road, Chappy. Everett Wharton was present for the applicant as was Laura Chasin's step-daughter, Alexandra. The proposal involves creating a ground level stone labyrinth in what is known as the Old Hayfield. The labyrinth will not interfere with the ability to maintain the field. Labyrinth will be installed with a weed barrier underneath. It will be made of two tons of Mexican river stone and is intended to be a permanent installation. Woodchips will be placed between the stones.

Mr. Wharton submitted the labyrinth design, which dates from the 1300s. Labyrinth will be 73-feet diameter.

Alexandra said that all are invited to come and walk the labyrinth. It is adjacent to property owned by the Land Bank that was donated by the Chasin family. Province made a motion to issue a negative determination of applicability. Brown seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

**Pantekidis** (Preliminary meeting) Construction of swimming pool and related landscaping, 1 Garden Cove. Dan Gordon, landscape architect and Josh Kochin were present. Pool is within 100-year-flood zone. Pool will have a salt-water filtration system and a leaching pit will be installed to deal with any run-off. Province made a motion to continue the hearing until 14 August and schedule a site visit for the same day. Carlson seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

CONTINUATIONS:

**MV Regency** - Carla Cooper, Mike Poirier – caretaker, and Stephanie Pierce were all present for the applicant.

The board reviewed the agent's notes and her site visit with Mike Whittemore from Nature Conservancy. Agent suggested that the applicant's come up with a management plan for the wet meadow. She suggested that no woody species be planted in this area and that it be mowed periodically to keep it open and possibly expanded.

Cooper said that she will have to discuss this with the owners.

Stephanie Pierce said that the owners still want to remove all the invasives on both sides of the path. They plan to remove all the autumn olive, bittersweet, shrub honeysuckle, grapevine, multiflora rose. She estimates that this will be a 3-year project with 80% of the invasives removed during the first year. The path will provide the homeowner a way to connect the two houses in privacy. Path will not be used when the pond is high or during a wet season.

Province made a motion to issue an order of conditions. Avakian seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Minutes of the meeting of 10 July were approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_