

Received via email
Feb 5th.

Lucy St. John
Planning and Zoning Administrator
Town of New London
375 Main Street
New London, NH 03257

February 5, 2017

Dear Lucy,

We are writing regarding the proposed renovations to the property owned by David and Risa Radeke at 583 Forest Acres Road. The current cottage was built in the 1960's and is in need of an update and repairs. The proposed renovations will improve the appearance of the neighborhood with little or no increased impact on Messer Pond. Care has been taken to minimize tree removal and the project is not expanding the footprint of the existing structure.

In the summer of 2016, we completed a construction project with Paul Raynor from Lane River Design. Paul and his team were mindful of health of the pond and put in a silt fences to minimize any construction impact on the pond. We highly recommend this team to work on the Radeke project since we believe it will only result in an improvement with no detrimental impact to the environment.

Sincerely

Handwritten signatures of Anne and David Wustrow. The signature on the left is 'Anne Wustrow' and the signature on the right is 'David Wustrow'.

Anne and David Wustrow
575 Forest Acres Rd.
New London, NH 03257

Lucy St. John

From: Robert Brown [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 12:51 PM
To: Amy Rankins
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: ZBA Public Hearing notice for Feb 7th meeting

Amy,

I am hopeful that I can attend the ZBA Hearing on February 7, 2017 when the applications for project variances at 583 Forest Acres Rd. (Lot/Map 119-021-000) will be discussed.

While I am extremely understanding and sympathetic of the difficulties associated with building projects within the Shoreland Overlay District, it is most important that these important water bodies be protected as outline by State and local regulations.

There have been two recent home building projects, one at 575 Forrest Acres rd. and my own at 449 Forest Acres Rd. which both involved variances because of limited lot depth.

Neither involved excavation for permanent construction within the 50' shore buffer.

With the 583 Forest Acres Rd. application:

This is a very fragile wetland and bog area. variances were granted before when the septic system was constructed. The shoreline is deep bog mud with large areas of Pickerel Weed extending all the way to the outlet culvert on Bog Rd.

There is no reference made to the 60' shoreline construction buffer either in writing or on the engineering drawings, only the 50' buffer is noted.

While the present house is about 27' from the pond shoreline, and the existing deck/stairs are at about waters edge, the new full foundation is proposed to be excavated from the inside.

However, no mention is made of the OSHA Standard for Excavation (stepping and ledging) which if follow as law states would require about an additional 5 feet of land disturbance, closer to the water, be excavated.

This proposed excavation will disturb a great deal of soil within the 50' and 60' buffers. These other applicants were not permitted to excavate in this manner.

What seems most concerning is the section on "Hardships", which is very difficult to understand.

In the area of the existing and proposed house, the lot is approximately 150' deep from road to pond. There appears to be more that adequate space to move the house back away from the pond and be near total

compliance with current ordinance. This would seem to be the most ecologically acceptable and neighborly solution that would best deal with the aesthetics and storm water management considerations.

I trust all this and more will be discussed on the 7th.

Thank you
Bob Brown.

On Wed, Jan 25, 2017 at 9:09 AM, Amy Rankins <landuse@nl-nh.com> wrote:

Good morning –

Please find attached the public hearing notice for the ZBA hearing taking place on Tuesday, February 7th.

Thank you,

Amy