

TO: Town of Lewisboro Planning Board

FROM: Lewisboro Conservation Advisory Council

SUBJECT: Dedvukaj Residence - Cal #66-17WP, #12-17SW
170 Elmwood Road, South Salem
Sheet 47, Block 10056, Lot 38

DATE: March 7, 2019

The Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) continues to have the concerns expressed in the previous documents (April 4, April 7, May 8, July12). The site-walk did not alleviate the concerns. The additional possibility of blasting, adds a new concern about wetland disturbance.

The location of the project, which is entirely in the wetland buffer, poses potential risks to the streams that flow down Wakeman Road and eventually into a City of Norwalk reservoir.

The submissions for the March Planning Board meeting shows documents from NYSDEC, Norwalk Water, a SWPPP report and a Wetland Mitigation Plan. These documents impose an extensive set of conditions and requirements on this project. Given this environment, it is important that the wetland mitigation plan be reviewed to ensure it is adequate to protect the wetland. The CAC is concerned that all these conditions be adequately monitored. Failure to meet many of these conditions on an ongoing basis could result in pollution to the stream with sediment, construction material, fertilizer and other material. The CAC would like to see a comprehensive and detailed inspection plan that ensures all the conditions are met prior to, during and after construction is complete.

At one time it was mention that blasting might be necessary in the construction of the house and that this would not be known until construction began. The CAC would like to see an update as to whether blasting is still being considered and if so, a plan to contain any output from the process to protect the wetland and neighbor's property.

After construction, it is also important that materials such as fertilizers are controlled and monitored so they do not enter the wetland.

In reviewing the plan to remove trees, it appears there is the possibility that some of the trees planned for removal could have ages in excess of one hundred years. If these trees are not invasive (such as Norway maple) then the CAC would like to see if they could be preserved.

With the project plans complete, the CAC would like a second site walk to be considered.