

Conservation Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2009

Members present: Chair Ed Dennison, Peter McGlynn, Rick Weden, John Sullivan, Kate Faulkner, Paul Angelico

Members absent: Tim Holiner, associate member Will Schulz

1. ELM BANK – Town of Natick (Selectmen)

Notice having been duly published the hearing on a Request for Determination of Applicability was opened. Brian Manter, Haley & Ward, was present representing the applicant. He described the project to install 2 flow meter vaults on drinking water wells and installation of an electrical and communications conduit. He stated that the flow meter vaults, required by DEP, will be constructed from concrete underground and will be approximately 7'x7'x7'. Access for equipment and backhoe to Elm Bank would be from Turtle Lane. Work, which should take about 2 weeks, will occur during the dry season of late summer. He stated the property owner DCR has been consulted and signed off on this project. Gravel walking paths will be used to access the site at the northern portion of the property near the Charles River. Discussion of the impact of the equipment on the walking path as well as questions about stockpiling, staging locations, and restoration plans.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the Commission voted to close the hearing.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the Commission voted to issue a Positive Determination requiring a Notice of Intent, to include a more detailed site plan as well as information on construction protocol, staging areas, access questions, stockpiling issues, size of equipment and information on site impacts among other details of the proposed work.

2. 144 PINE STREET – Weden

Rick Weden recused himself to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest.

Notice having been duly published the hearing on a Notice of Intent was opened. The applicants were present represented by Scott Goddard, Carr Research Laboratory, and Ardi Rrapi, Cheney

Engineering. Scott Goddard described the delineation process, showing bordering vegetated wetlands and an intermittent stream, and the proposal for an addition and patio. There was a discussion of the designation of "intermittent" for the stream as well as the impact of the additions on resource areas.

There is no DEP number so the hearing is continued to March 4.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Powissett Pond – Hale Reservation has requested an Extension of the Order allowing treatment of nuisance vegetation. Discussion. Upon motion duly made and seconded the Commission voted to issue a 3-year extension.
2. Minutes for 1/21/09 were approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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