

Conservation Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2011

Members present: Kate Faulkner, Tim Holiner, Rick Weden, John Sullivan.
Also present: Agent George Giunta

Members absent: Peter McGlynn, Janet O'Connor, Candace McCann

Possible Associate Members Present: Sandy Hall, Jim Pratt, Sarah Sweeney

Requests for Determination

4 Turtle Lane, Mass Horticultural Society

Present: Clark Bryan, David Fiske from Mass Horticultural

Notice having been duly published the hearing for a Request for Determination was opened for Mass Horticultural Society.

Mr. Fiske presented a request to clear an area of invasive species by hand, that is within the 100 ft buffer but outside the 200 ft buffer from the Charles River. They presented an overhead picture of the area involved, and discussed possibilities for leaving some groundcover and replanting with native species. They have not yet developed a formal monitoring plan.

Agent Giunta has made a site visit to the proposed work area. He observed a steep slope and some areas close to the wetland and recommended an erosion control plan be developed. Abutters asked questions and made comments. The Commission discussed and recommended the filing of a Notice of Intent for the work to begin proposed.

Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to deny the petition and issue a positive determination finding for the Request for Determination.

24 Meadowbrook Road, VGA Investments

Present: Ardi Rrapi, Cheney Engineering

Notice having been duly published the hearing for a Request for Determination was opened for 24 Meadowbrook Road.

Mr. Rrapi requested permission to enter the 100 foot buffer zone for a day of testing for replacement of a failed septic system. Agent Giunta inspected the wetland line and confirmed its accuracy. He said the driveway will be the access for the machinery and the lot is flat.

Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to make a negative determination for 24 Meadowbrook Road.

11 Bretton Road, Open Space Builders

Present: Ardi Rrapi, Cheney Engineering
Scott Goddard, Carr Research

Notice having been duly published the hearing for a Request for Determination was opened for 11 Bretton Road.

Mr. Goddard presented delineation he had made of wetlands relevant to potential development on this site. In addition to delineated wetlands, he also identified a ditch which he wanted to address. Based on soil testing, he did not feel this constituted a wetland resource. Agent Giunta had done a site inspection, and suggested waiting until vegetation appeared, to confirm the absence of any wetland vegetation which might indicate that the ditch qualified as an intermittent stream.

The Commission will request Paul McManus, the Commission's Wetland Scientist Consultant, to conduct a site visit with the applicant and Agent when the weather warms enough for vegetation to have grown.

Continued Notice of Intent Hearing

Dover Water, Walpole Street, DEP#144-665

Present: Attorney Vinny O'Brien

Discussion of previous hearings. Attorney O'Brien presented an engineered plan with location of fence noted, but mentioned that the applicant was still considering alternatives to placement of the fence. The Commission also suggested considering the use of a natural demarcation with shrubs. They reminded Mr. O'Brien that all the concerns and conditions contained in Paul McManus' comments need to be addressed, including documentation of the need for a fence. The Commission said a site visit would be scheduled after a final plan was submitted.

The applicant requested a continuance to May 11, 2011.

Miscellaneous

Minutes-

February 16, 2011-

Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve Feb. 16, 2011 minutes.

100 Wilsendale Street- Request for Certificate of Compliance DEP# 144-360

Present: Attorney Jack Donoghue

Agent Giunta has done a site visit and the work is in compliance.

Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to issue the Certificate of Compliance.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Hagerty
Administrative Assistant