

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2012

Members Attending: Kate Faulkner, Tim Holiner, John Sullivan, Candace McCann, Rick Weden, John Sheehan, Larry Clawson, Tim Chorey, and Agent George Giunta. Absent: Sandy Sheble Hall

Notices of Intent

Hale Reservation, Powisset Lodge

Present: Eric Arnold and Jay Walsh from Hale Reservation. The request is for a structure in the same area as the previous lodge which was lost to a fire 40-100 ft buffer. The original structure was over 50 years old. 13 trees in the area of the lodge were badly burned in the fire and proposed to be removed. Construction materials and debris will be taken into and off property via an access road to the lodge on the upland side of the lot. Agent Giunta visited the site after the fire and noted he observed an intermittent stream which was dry at that time. Hale requested a continuance to the next meeting for a DEP file number to be issued and to label the intermittent stream on the plan.

144-660 41 Hartford Street- Amendment to Existing Order of Conditions

Present: Ms. Joyce Hastings, GLM Engineering. Ms Hastings outlined the proposed changes to the plan. The Commission and agent George Giunta discussed whether changes were significant enough to request a separate NOI, and decided that amending the current NOI was acceptable given the nature of the changes proposed.

Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to close the hearing and accept the amendment as presented.

144-676 20 LedgeWood Drive – Amendment to Existing Order of Conditions

Present: Mr. Ardi Rrapi, Cheney Engineering. Mr. Rrapi outlined the revisions as shown on the plan. Commission members and Agent Giunta agreed changes were minor.

Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to close the hearing and accept the amendment as presented.

144-675 – 18 Walpole Street - Amendment to Existing Order of Conditions

Present: Mr. Ardi Rrapi, Cheney Engineering

The amendment request is to move the driveway 12 ft closer to the wetlands, 57.8 ft from the wetland flag and proposed recharge trench. Mr. Rrapi requested a continuance until after a meeting with general contractor, because a problem with groundwater discovered during excavation of the house foundation will result in further amendments to the existing order of conditions. The contractor installed a pipe running from the foundation to the pond without prior consultation with the Conservation Commission. Agent George Giunta halted the work upon discovery of pipe. The Commission emphasized that no further work involving the pipe or drainage be done until amendment

existing order of conditions is finalized and voted upon by the Commission. Mr. Rrapi requested and was granted a continuance.

144-681 71 Claybrook Road – Continued Notice of Intent

Present: Mr. Scott Goddard, Goddard Consulting and Mr. Ardi Rrapi, Cheney Engineering. Also present Mr. Larry Fisch, owner of 71 Claybrook Rd. Mr. Goddard discussed latest revisions to the plan and reviewed the additional construction sequence and specification sheets for the flow through dock. Mr. Goddard said the septic system is currently under approval and the DEP will complete their review after the Conservation Commission issues an Order of Conditions. Mr. Goddard said he'll be filing for Chapter 91 for the dock after he finishes with the Conservation Commission.

Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions consistent with the plan and provide receipt of updated BLSF also calculations and barn foundation elevation to be left to the discretion of the builder.

The Commission requested Mr. Fisch notify the Conservation Commission agent before each phase of the project begins.

There were numerous meetings and changes to the original scope of the proposed project over the course of several years with the aim of minimizing the impact of the project to the surrounding wetlands and river front while attempting to preserve the grandfathered property rights of the applicant. Of particular note was the inability to fully compensate for the decrease in flood storage capacity due to the mounded septic system required to replace the existing non-conforming septic system. The Commission considered many alternatives and came to conclusion that, relative to the large flood plain storage capacity of the river marsh visible between the two proximal bends in the Charles River and the surrounding topography, the net loss of flood storage due to the septic system is deminimis.

124 Farm Street, Enforcement Order – Agent Giunta spoke to homeowner and they agreed to all restoration therefore will not be in attendance at tonight's meeting.

Minutes – February 1, 2012

Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of February 1, 2012.

Trail Signage

Open Space Committee and Trustees of Reservations are working together on trail signs. Mike Francis of TTOR would like to put Town Seal on the signs and the Commission would like to fund the signs.

Motion made for Conservation Commission to purchase 4 signs under the trail maintenance budget for \$200 for trail signage. Seconded and unanimously voted.

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lori Hagerty, Administrative Assistant