

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2015

7:30 PM

Members Present: Candace McCann, Tim Holiner, John Sullivan, John Sheehan, Amey Moot and Associate Larry Clawson. Also present: Paul McManus. Absent: Kate Faulkner, Dave Stapleton and Agent Giunta.

**Request for Determination of Applicability**

33 Miller Hill Road – RDA for access only

Notice having been duly published, the hearing for Request for Determination of Applicability was opened. Ardi Rrapi, Cheney Engineering was representing the applicant, Thaddeus Bouchard. The request was for work vehicles to utilize an existing gravel road to gain access to a work area outside the 100' buffer zone. Agent Giunta submitted by email recommendation that straw wattles be placed along both edges of the existing drive and around the isolated wetland inner circle. Any future additional work will require the filing of a Notice of Intent. Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to close the hearing and issue a Negative Determination of Applicability for the project as proposed with the addition of straw wattles per Agent Giunta's recommendation.

**Notices of Intent**

144-757 18 Farm Street – construct barn, remove shed

Notice having been duly published, the hearing for Notice of Intent was opened. Ardi Rrapi, Cheney Engineering was representing the applicant, James Snyder. Ardi described the plan for constructing the barn and removing an existing shed. Agent Giunta submitted by email a recommendation of approval with the addition that after the shed is removed, a meadowmix seed be planted in the area lying beneath. Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions for the project as presented with the addition of meadowmix seed to replace shed area.

144-755 8 Haven Terrace (Lot 4) grading for lawn

Notice having been duly published, the hearing for Notice of Intent was opened. Scott Goddard, Goddard Consulting was representing the applicant and owner, Matthew Zuker and Patrick Corrigan. Scott presented the plan and discussed the stream and tree removal in buffer zone. The Commission discussed granite monuments to mark the 40' buffer zone. They require at least 18" in height. They also discussed other barrier options, such as a stone wall. Agent Giunta submitted by email his recommendation of approval of the plan as shown. There was further discussion of rare species of plants in the area. Paul McManus explained the Commission does not have jurisdiction over rare plant species, only rare animal species. There was discussion of the wetland boundary, and that it is based on a predominance of wetland indicators. Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions approving the project with the condition there shall be granite bounds at the 40' buffer at least 18" in height, or at the homeowners request a permanent barrier be substituted for posts, at Conservation Commission approval.

144-756 10 Haven Terrace (Lot 3) grading for lawn and drainage outlet structure

Notice having been duly published, the hearing for Notice of Intent was opened. Scott Goddard, Goddard Consulting was representing the applicant and owner, Matthew Zuker and Patrick Corrigan. Scott presented the plan and discussed tree removal in buffer zone to provide lawn. The Commission discussed moving the lawn back (away from the wetland) a bit for the 3 large maple trees proposed as being saved, as they would have a better chance of survival. As another option, there shall be no grading within 10' of the 3 large maple trees with the option of pulling the lawn back from the wetland. Granite monuments at least 18" in height shall be at limit of lawn, and not 40' buffer zone.

Agent Giunta submitted by email his recommendation of approval of the plan as shown. Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions approving the project with the conditions there shall be granite bounds at the limit of lawn and not 40' buffer. They shall be at least 18" in height, or in lieu of bounds the homeowners may put permanent boundary at the approval of the Conservation Commission.

#### **Continued Notices of Intent**

##### 144-752            10 Draper Road – clearing for play area

Present for the continued hearing was Steve Wegner, Diversified Enterprises representing the applicant, Andy Spellman. The alternatives analysis was discussed. It was determined the best out of the 7 options were plan numbers 2,3,5 and 7, with #7 being the final best option for the riverfront and trees. A site visit was scheduled for Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM. The applicant requested in writing a continuation to 4/29/15 and the Commission granted the request.

##### 144-754            9 Old Meadow Road – demolition and new house

Present for the continued hearing was Joyce Hastings, GLM Engineering representing the applicant, Joseph Sullivan. She presented the plan showing 3 trees to be removed along with some underbrush. There was discussion of the proximity of a vernal pool. It was determined to be greater than 100' from the proposed work area. Agent Giunta submitted by email his recommendation for the plan as shown. Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions for the project as presented.

##### 144-753            130 Centre Street – new home on undeveloped lot with driveway crossing

Present for the continued hearing was Joyce Hastings, GLM Engineering representing the applicant, Jeffrey Serowick. She presented the plan for proposed Lot B2R Centre Street, currently 130 Centre Street. The plan shows an 8' wide open box culvert and 322 sq ft of wetland disturbance for a driveway crossing. Paul McManus indicated under State and Local Regulations this proposed crossing is a discretionary decision. Agent Giunta submitted email comments stating the wetland line needs verification and a site visit by the Commission and Paul is recommended. Site visit was scheduled for Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. An abutter in attendance requested permission to attend the site visit and it was granted by Joyce Hastings. She then requested in writing a continuance to 4/29/15 and the Commission granted the request.

**Minutes** –Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of 3/11/2015.

#### **Discussion**

Vernal pool certification – The Commission asked Paul McManus to certify the vernal pool at 46 Springdale Ave and he agreed. All remaining discussion items tabled to the next meeting on April 25, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Hagerty, Administrative Assistant