

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

April 29, 2015

7:30 PM

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

Continued ANRAD

48 Wilsondale Street, Alva – Wetland/Riverfront Delineation

Renee McDonough, Goddard Consulting was present for the continued Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation. She requested in writing a continuance on behalf of the applicant to the next meeting of May 13, 2015 in order to address comments from the report of Paul McManus dated 4/24/15. The Commission granted the request.

Continued Notices of Intent

144-752 10 Draper Road – clearing for play area

Present for the continued hearing was Steve Wegner, Diversified Enterprises and the homeowner, Andy Spellman. There was discussion regarding the alternatives analysis. Commissioners are obligated to review based on the project purpose. It is their discretion as to the purpose of the lawn area, its value and impact. There was also concern about the turn in the stream not being shown on the plan. Before making a determination, the Commission needs an accurate plan showing the following:

1. Show poolhouse proposed location.
2. Verify 200' buffer further on the plan.
3. Bring proof of abutter notification.
4. Take "X" off plan for 3 trees proposed to remain.

The applicant requested in writing a continuance to 5/13/15 in order to submit accurate plans. The Commission granted the request.

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. A site visit had been conducted by the Commission, Paul McManus, EcoTec-the Commission's wetland consultant and Joyce Hastings, GLM Engineering. Also several abutters attended the site walk. Joyce presented the plan along with the tree removal count. Proposed erosion control shall be straw bales and silt fence. The plan shows grading, soil, and planting specification detail. There was discussion of the easement location. Agent Giunta suggested an orange construction fence be used at the back of the lot, behind the house. Paul McManus agreed with the wetland boundary and indicated the stream crossing is designed to standards and the vernal pool is protected. Motion made to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions with the additional requirement of an orange construction fence along the northeast side (back of lot, behind house) during work. Seconded and unanimously voted.

Discussion

Lot 3, Claybrook Road – Habitat Enhancement and Invasive Species Management Plan

Present for the applicant was Renee McDonough, Goddard Consulting. She presented Lot 3, Claybrook Road Invasive Species Management Plan, dated 4/22/15. The final Order of Conditions issued on 3/12/2014 required submittal of a Habitat Enhancement and Invasive Species Management Plan as a condition of approval along with monitoring reports to follow summarizing the status of the plans. The applicant proposed a plan to remove invasive plants and wait 1 year

after removal before planting native plants. Paul McManus, EcoTec and the Commission agreed if nothing is planted for 1 year the invasive plants will return. He suggested possibly the 25% at the south end could be used as an experimental area for invasive removal only without planting of native plants for 1 year. The Commission required a revised plan before construction begins showing the 25% experimental area and the other 75% native plant replacement area. The Commission requires more plantings than specified in the submittal and they need to be substantial and successful. *They also required herbicide 'painting' of all cut invasive species in the 75% zone in addition to replacement planting. They also requested that Goddard Consulting verify or disprove potential vernal pool on property.*

Conservation Managed Land – Agent Giunta received 3 bids for survey of the Commission’s Dedham Street parcel and recommended using the lowest bidder who requires a \$500 deposit. The Commission authorized the use of the Glidden Gift Fund to pay the \$500 deposit and upon completion, the balance of \$2,000. The request shall be forwarded to the Board of Selectmen for signature under their Gifts and Grants Policy.

Gould Land Donation – Mr. Gould is considering his donation of the 3 parcels previously discussed. He will update the Commission when he has reached a decision.

Drone discussion – The Commission agreed not to purchase at this time.

Commission Rep for upcoming meetings – Candace will attend the Moderator’s meeting on April 30th and Kate will attend Town Meeting on May 4th.

Minutes –Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of 4/15/2015.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Hagerty, Administrative Assistant