

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2016
6:30 PM

Discussion 6:30-7:30

Amber Carr, from MA Audubon - Director Ecological Extension Service and SuAsCo Cisma Coordinator (Sudbury-Assabet-Concord, Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area, which involves 36 towns)

Present were Larry, Kate, John, and Janet, and Agent Giunta.

Discussion began with a presentation from Amber Carr outlining cost, focus issues, and survey tools. Amber said the Commission could choose a Master Plan or specific plans for each property, or both. Specific land plans may include: visual assessment, inventory of species, parking evaluation, plantings, and dog-walking guidelines. She said it's not necessary to have surveys and boundaries done for Land Management plans. It was decided Amber would visit Commission owned land with Agent Giunta to evaluate. A site walk will be scheduled for early November.

Meeting 7:30

Present: John Sullivan, Kate Faulkner, Sarah Monaco, Janet Bowser and Associate Larry Clawson and Agent Giunta.

Absent: Amey Moot and David Stapleton.

Notices of Intent

144-799 140 Pine Street, Brasel, proposed porch and deck, E.O. – GLM Eng.

Notice having been duly published, the hearing for Notice of Intent was opened. Joyce Hastings of GLM Engineering was present for the applicant, Stevan Brasel. The Notice of Intent was in response to an Enforcement Order issued for work in the buffer zone without a permit from Conservation. The applicant began replacing existing footings to a deck as they were insufficient. New footings were dug when the Enforcement Order and directive to stop work was issued. Straw waddles were suggested as boundaries. Agent Giunta believes with the steep slope, additional measures should include: 1) conservation seed mix and landscape fabric, 2) additional EC of straw bales and silt fence, and 3) removal of debris resulting from footings. After further discussion, motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions to approve the project as described and amended here.

Request Amendment to Existing Order of Conditions

144-736 48 Farm Street, Sipp, revert driveway back to original location – Jack Donoghue

Notice having been duly published, the hearing for Amendment was opened. Present for the homeowner, Sharon Sipp was Attorney Jack Donoghue. The homeowner requested an amendment to an existing Order of Conditions to revert the driveway back to the original location. There was a condition if the driveway is removed for paving, Agent Giunta will direct erosion control to be stabilized accordingly. Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to close the hearing and issue the Amendment to the existing Order of Conditions.

144-797 Francis Street, Lots 42/44 Open Space Builders, new home – GLM Eng.

144-796 Francis Street, Lot 45, Open Space Builders, new home – GLM Eng.

The continued hearings were discussed together. Present for the applicant was Joyce Hastings of GLM Engineering. Joyce presented a revised plan after comments from Paul McManus of EcoTec and site visit on Oct. 11 at 3 pm. Wetland

flags were revised as agreed by Paul and Joyce at the site visit and shown on the plan. There was discussion on changing the location of the driveway to save trees. It was determined the impact would be more detrimental to the wetland buffer due to the slope on that side of the house and the need for further disturbance if the change were made. There is a proposed driveway crossing with a 4' extension and they are maintaining the spillway. They propose to add headwalls to both sides of the crossing. Procedurally, they requested a waiver to working in the 25' buffer because there is no reasonable alternative to the crossing. There was further discussion of sloping the driveways toward the middle of the lots and adding filter trenches on the inside of the driveways heading in from Francis St. Due to the elevations being lower in the middle section of the driveways, Joyce explained her reason for wanting to pitch the driveways the opposite direction with stone trenches on the opposite sides of the driveway as the land slopes that way already. She feels the change would result in ponding and freezing in the winter. Recharge chambers to be shown on the revised plan. Proposed EC is compost sock and silt fence. Any stockpiling for greater than 1 wk will require a silt fence. GLM requested on behalf of the applicant, a continuance to next meeting on Nov. 16th for plan revisions and the Commission granted the request.

Discussion

Donation Agreement signed for Gould properties donation. Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to authorize the Chairman to act on behalf of the Commission as it relates to the Gould property donation.

46 Springdale Working Group- John Sullivan will represent the Conservation Commission at the Working Group meetings with Tim Holiner as a backup attendee if necessary.

2017 Meeting Schedule – dates approved.

Commission members were invited to attend the Charles River School ribbon cutting ceremony on Sat. Oct. 22 at 9:15 AM. Chairman John Sullivan, Commissioner David Stapleton and Agent Giunta will attend on behalf of the Commission.

Minutes – Minutes tabled to the next meeting for further information.

Signatures – Commissioners signed forms, invoices, and payroll.

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Hagerty