

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2016

7:30 PM

Present: John Sullivan, Tim Holiner, Kate Faulkner, Amey Moot, David Stapleton, Sarah Monaco, Janet Bowser, Associate Larry Clawson and Agent Giunta.

Request to Amend Existing Order of Conditions

144-754 9 Old Meadow Road, Howe-tree removal, house layout

Notice having been duly published, the hearing for Request to Amend Existing Order of Conditions was opened. Present for the applicant, Mark Howe was Chris Gabriault of GLM Engineering. He presented a plan showing changes to the house layout. Agent Giunta has visited the site and has no concerns about the proposed work. After discussion, motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions.

144-768 47 Yorkshire Road, Howe – grading, walkway, patio

Notice having been duly published, the hearing for Request to Amend Existing Order of Conditions was opened. Present for the applicant, Mark Howe was Chris Gabriault of GLM Engineering. He presented a plan showing additional walkway, patio and grading. He explained the changes were due to requirements of the Zoning Bylaw. The Commission noted increased impervious surface, but saw no additional detriment to the wetlands. After some discussion, motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions for the plan. NOTE: Agent and Assistant will research the Zoning Bylaw regarding the increase to impervious surface.

Continued Request to Amend Existing Order of Conditions

144-765 15 Wilsondale Street, Ehlinger-grading, retaining walls

Notice having been duly published, the hearing for Request to Amend Existing Order of Conditions was opened. Present for the applicant, Ehlinger, was Chris Gabriault of GLM Engineering. He explained the request to add two 4-ft high retaining walls. They will be terraced and are considered an improvement to the plan. In order to address questions from the public, the Commission explained that no more than 50% of trees in the 100' buffer zone may be cut under the Dover Bylaw. Agent Giunta has no concerns about the amendment and agrees it is an improvement to the plan. Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions.

Discussion

David Stapleton showed sign samples for Conservation properties. They also reviewed a sample sign made by Commission member Tim Holiner. They discussed letter size, content and color. The Commission discussed vendor pricing. Properties discussed for signage were Valley Farm, Dedham Street, Brodie Land, Bridge Street boat landing. Size of signs would be approximately 18 x 36. After further discussion regarding costs it was determined by a majority it would be cost effective to have Commissioner Tim Holiner create the signs. Motion was made the Conservation Commission authorize Tim Holiner to create 10 signs to label Conservation properties and requested a detailed invoice to be paid using trail maintenance budget. Voted in favor – 6. Abstained from vote: David Stapleton.

Loebenz Land Agreement – In order to clarify lot lines, the Commission will re-visit the Loblentz agreement and perform a site visit. Assistant will scan and send file to Commissioners for review. Chair and Agent will schedule a site visit.

Commissioner Janet Bowser spoke about a LID/Green Development conference she attended. She discussed the MS4 Permit and Stormwater Bylaw regulations. She also spoke about a computer program for acquiring land.

Minutes – tabled to next meeting on June 8, 2016.

Agent's Report

Agent Giunta updated the Commission on trees that had fallen into a pond on DLCT land. He said Stephen Bate, Ranger wished to remove the trees to maintain the pond. The Commission had no objection to tree removal from the pond for maintenance. Agent Giunta added it will prevent eutrophication.

An enforcement order was issued for 210 Claybrook Rd. The Commission agrees an NOI should be filed for work to be done at the site. Agent Giunta plans to visit the site with the applicant's representative, Lenore White. He will advise as to status at the next meeting. No further work shall be done until the NOI is filed.

95 Farm Street – Agent Giunta has visited the site and spoken to the contractor. They have an existing Order of Conditions and as long as the scope of work is within the Order, they are not in violation. Assistant will send letter reminding them of SWPPP reports and to maintain erosion control.

Minutes – Tabled to next meeting on June 8, 2016.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lori Hagerty