

Conservation Commission Meeting
Minutes
April 29, 2020 - 7:30 PM
HELD REMOTELY USING ZOOM

Present at the meeting were Dover Conservation Commission members confirmed by roll call:

Chairman John Sullivan, yes

Tim Holiner, yes

Amey Moot, yes

Sarah Monaco, yes

David Stapleton, yes

Christy Violin, yes

Jim McLaughlin, yes

Also present was Commission Agent Janet Bowser

Discussion/Presentation

Boy Scout Presentation - Dylan Rogers- Hornaday Award

Dylan reviewed his presentation on vernal pool certification. He certified 2 vernal pools. The first on Claybrook Rd and the second at Powisset Farm.

The Commission thanked him for his presentation and commended him on his official certification of 2 vernal pools in Dover.

Request to Amend Existing Order of Conditions

144-830 53 Claybrook Rd., GLM Engineering

The hearing having been duly advertised, the Commission opened the hearing for 53 Claybrook Rd proposed Amendment to #144-830. Joyce Hastings of GLM Engineering reviewed the proposed tree removal, planting and rebuilding of a retaining wall. Also discussed was a boat ramp and tree removal near the riverbank. Joyce requested waivers for tree removal within the 25 ft no disturb wetland buffer under the Dover Bylaw and for invasive species removal. Agent Bowser confirmed trees near the riverbank are dead and some trees are in decline. The tree analysis under the Dover Bylaw is 48%. Agent Bowser does not recommend replanting of trees on the riverbank. She recommends no heavy machinery within the 40 ft no structure buffer zone. She recommends retaining 3.5' of tree trunk. Regarding the Vegetation and Invasive Mgmt Plan, she would like the plan to show only manual and hand removal. The applicant needs to request prior permission to use any herbicide. Joyce requested approval subject to no work starting until a revised vegetation management plan is received. The OOC will be issued but no work is permitted until the revised invasive species management plan is received. The Chairman would be in agreement with the request to move forward. Conditions of approval will be monitoring and no pesticide use. For the boat ramp, proposed stone or hard material for stabilization was requested. GLM proposed 50' of granite for a retaining wall. She would like to allow the applicant to work with the landscape architect and come back before the Commission with a plan for materials to be used. The conditions of approval were discussed as:

A vegetation management plan revised and submitted before any work begins; and a landscape architect plan for the retaining wall and boat ramp. Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to close the hearing and issue the Amendment with the condition no work until report received and boat ramp steps not installed until approved by Commission and all other conditions discussed.

Certificate of Compliance Request

144-788 45 Draper Rd., Chiu, Cheney Engineering

Present for the applicant was Ardi Rrapi, Cheney Engineering. Ardi presented an As-Built plan and photos. Waiver requests were submitted for a fence and boulders. The Chair asked the applicant about the status of his house at the time of purchase. The owner, Ed Chiu has a letter from the house closing stating the builder will obtain the Certificate of Compliance, but he has not.

Based on the approved plan, boulders should be removed and trees/shrubs installed. Agent Bowser said 15 shrubs to go where the rocks were and replace large trees which were removed. She recommended 10-12 trees as replacement. The owner said he planted 6 trees when he moved in, and 14 Arborvitaes. Ardi will visit the site with Agent Bowser to confirm tree location and number. Certificate will require a waiver, relocation of outlet pipe, mitigation plan, monitoring plan, progress report. Agent does not recommend issuance of the Certificate of Compliance tonight with work outstanding. The Commission will decide CoC issuance at the next meeting and open the Pool NOI to discuss.

Notice of Intent

144-844 45 Draper Rd., Chiu, Cheney Eng., proposed pool

Having been duly advertised, the hearing for 45 Draper Rd NOI was opened. Present for the applicant was Ardi Rrapi, Cheney Eng. Ardi described the proposed pool plan. Agent Bowser recommended no pool water discharged in the 100' buffer zone, and a pool infiltration system of a type not requiring back-flushing or use of chemical treatments including but not limited to chlorine. Concerns expressed about stockpiling, access. Ardi submitted a letter addressing those concerns. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to close the hearing and issue a standard Order of Conditions with all special conditions including the 2 stated above. Unanimous.

NOTE: If CoC plantings are not complete in 2 wks., a stop work order shall be issued on NOI.

Certificate of Compliance Requests

144-685 Hale Reservation, Powisset Lodge - CAQ Engineering

Agent Bowser recommended issuance.

Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to issue the Certificate of Compliance.

144-568 35C Walpole St., Cheney Eng. OOC and Amendment

Present for the applicant was Ardi Rrapi, Cheney Eng. Agent Bowser recommended issuance.

Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to issue the Certificate of Compliance.

144-583 2 Dover Rd., Cheney Eng.

Present for the applicant was Ardi Rrapi, Cheney Eng. Agent Bowser recommended issuance.

Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to issue the Certificate of Compliance.

144-398 2 Dover Rd., MWRA, Cheney Eng.

Present for the applicant was Ardi Rrapi, Cheney Eng. This request is for a confirmatory Certificate of Compliance for an MWRA project completed and closed out. Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to issue the confirmatory Certificate of Compliance for 2 Dover Rd., 144-398, to record on the Registry side of the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds.

144-379 92 Main St., DeBor, Cheney Eng., septic

Present for the applicant was Ardi Rrapi, Cheney Eng. Agent Bowser recommended issuance.

Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to issue the Certificate of Compliance.

144-510 92 Main St., DeBor, Cheney Eng.

Present for the applicant was Ardi Rrapi, Cheney Eng. Agent Bowser recommended dry wells be installed for roof infiltration and run off per the final approved plan. This could be done under an RDA or emergency permit. Owner, Greg DeBor explained that he believes the original letter from Carr Research was incorrect in the flow direction of the water. Water flowed onto their property. The road was then repaved and raised. Water from the road was diverted with a

berm by Dover DPW. There was an Amendment for a circular drive which was never done so the dry wells were never done. It was stated the reason for the drywells was due to the addition and roof infiltration. Extra roof area for the addition is what fuels the reason for the drywells. Ardi asked if there is any flexibility with the location of the back drywell. There was further discussion of a possible larger drywell or 2 in the back of the house with none in the front. It was decided any work could be done using an RDA and the applicant will decide the location of the drywell. Ardi said if work is done in the back of house there is no jurisdiction so no RDA would be required. If the work is done in the front of the house, they will file an RDA. Prior to issuance of CoC, the Commission needs a letter describing how this can be made into compliance.

19 Pond St., Continued EO

Agent Bowser will contact the owner and meet at the site to review a plan for spring planting in response to the EO continued from last fall 2019.

Discussion

Right of First Refusal for 61A property on Dedham Street:

Lot 92-3 (Parcel 8-12-E)

Lot 92-1B (Parcel 8-12-C)

Lot 92-2 (Parcel 8-12-D)

The Commission concluded parcels did not have sufficient open space value to justify acquisition. Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to recommend to the Board of Selectmen a vote not to purchase.

Minutes

2/12/20 - Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to accept the minutes.

2/26/20 - Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to accept the minutes with revisions.

3/11/20 - Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to accept the minutes.

Discussion of a beaver dam in Trout Brook backing up Channing Pond.

Meeting adjourned 10:00 PM.

NOTE: Document submitted to Commission for discussion:

Memo from Agent Bowser dated 4/11/20 Comments for April 29, 2020 Commission meeting.