



Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 12, 2019 Town Hall, Room 101, 7:00 PM

Present: David Haines, Edward Knight, Heather McCann, Associate member Mark Brownell, Sabrina Moreau, David Lamb;
Conservation Administrator Erica Cross & Assistant Conservation Agent Cayla Paulding

Absent: Jon Clements, Doug Beach

7:00 pm called to order by D. Haines

7:00pm

Request for Amended Order – DEP# 104-1032, BCC# 18-07– Requests Continuance to 12/9/2019

Carriage Drive at Front St, Roadway construction

Map 243, Lot 178

MassDevelopment

S. Moreau motions to continue, E. Knight seconds; all in favor

Notice of Intent – DEP# 104-1052, BCC# 19-04 – Requests Continuance to 12/9/2019

Lot 2 Allen St, Single Family House with stream crossing & appurtenances

Map 231, Lot 19.01

Jeffrey A. Bessette

S. Moreau recuses herself.

H. McCann motions to continue, E. Knight seconds, all in favor

Notice of Intent – DEP# 104-1066, BCC# 19-32 – Requests Continuance to 12/9/2019

Lot 10 South Washington St, Single Family House with associated appurtenances

Map 279, Lot 12

Lafleur & Son, Inc.

E. Knight motions to continue, S. Moreau seconds; all in favor

Notice of Intent Con'd – DEP#104-1064, BCC# 19-26

Enoch Sanford Rd, Single Family House with associated appurtenances

Map 247, Lots 11 & 12

Suzanne Meehan

Heather Comee is here to present the project. She has revised the well location to accommodate abutter's concerns. The limit of work line now follows slope and is further from the riverfront area. This means there will be less invasive plant management and more lawn. D. Haines believes this revision is reasonable and is what the commission had in mind. D. Haines believes that herbicide application should start when the sap starts moving (beginning of growing season in the spring). D. Haines believes mechanical removal can be done immediately since the ground is cold and soil disturbance will be minimized. D. Haines would like the plan to specify that the herbicide will be applied by a licensed applicator or the homeowner. D. Haines does not believe mowing is the best option for invasive plant management and would prefer mechanical and herbicide options. H. Comee clarified that for the first 2 years mowing would be done 4 times a year, and would be done annually after that. E. Cross does not think allowing annual mowing in the riverfront is appropriate. H. Comee generally prefers using less herbicides which is why she offered mowing as an option for management. H. Comee says that mechanical treatment can proceed prior to pouring of foundation. D. Haines recommends putting the revisions in her plan. E. Cross will make sure she refers to the most relevant plan.

E. Knight motions to issue an Order of Conditions, S. Moreau seconds; all in favor

Notice of Intent – DEP# 104-1067, BCC# 19-34

Lot 2 North Liberty St, Single Family House with associated appurtenances
Map 261, Lot 89.02
J.H.P. Builders, LLC

Keith Terry from Sherman & Frydryk is here to present. D. Haines says portion of lot was filled in the past. The applicant requests limit of work 25 ft off wetland delineation and offers to restore areas in exchange. The rear of the house is 55 ft from wetland delineation that was conducted 9/2019. E. Cross considers the restoration areas to be an appropriate exchange to allow alteration up to the 25 ft line. E. Cross asks if seeds will be distributed throughout site or only at hatched areas on plan. Keith Terry is open to hear commission's preference on seeding. D. Haines asks about plantings along the 25 ft buffer line and allowing to naturalize. S. Moreau suggests permanent bounds along the 25 ft buffer line. E. Cross informs that there is a DPW easement on the property to access pipes. Keith believes the water line will be below drain line. To clarify seeding expectations, the commission would like seeds dispersed throughout.

D. Lamb motions to issue an Order of Conditions, H. McCann seconds; all in favor

Notice of Intent – DEP# 104-1068, BCC# 19-35

Lot 18 Franklin St, Single Family House with associated appurtenances
Map 272, Lot 81.031
Christopher & Stefanie Austin

Keith Terry from Sherman & Frydryk is here to present. This project is for a single family residential development. The access is from Franklin St with a steep driveway. The limit of work is outside the 50 ft wetland buffer. Mark Stinson from DEP wanted to make sure the work was not done in riverfront. Streamstats did not map the river channel. They did calculations to determine the stream nearby was not perennial. This project is only within the buffer zone. H. McCann and E. Cross had concerns regarding placement of the wetland flags on site. E. Cross shows photos pointing to her concerns regarding the delineation. The wetland delineation was conducted in 2016, which may be the issue. Keith Terry requests to continue the hearing to allow for a current delineation.

S. Moreau motions to continue, H. McCann seconds; all in favor

Discussion Items: Bills, Minutes and Miscellaneous Matters

There is a bill for the survey and boundary marker for Holland Glen: over \$10,000
H. McCann motions to pay bills, S. Moreau seconds; all in favor

10/28 minutes: will be saved for next meeting

Emergency Certificates

1. 532 Franklin St – failure of embankments of fire pond
The fire dept was worried about the embankments failing. They will permit a long term plan in the spring.
E. Knight motions to ratify, S. Moreau seconds; all in favor

Enforcement actions

1. 248 Stebbins St – fill in bordering vegetated wetland
Kristin McDonough from SWCA presents findings from wetland delineation and restoration plan. The wetland delineation on the lawn was based on elevation and historical photos because there was a lot of fill on site. There was over 5000 sq ft of BVW turned to lawn. They are proposing restoration in the form of a seed mix and a 2:1 mitigation for the fill in the riverfront area and for the BVW fill. She believes there are opportunities for habitat improvement. The restoration plan may include roto-tilling to mix up the sand she found on site. It is up to what the commission prefers. D. Haines asks if she believes there is hope for the lawn to be reconverted back to wetland. She believes that the elevation will not allow for the wetland to return naturally. Kristin proposes fruit bearing shrubs for restoration. The restoration will be a mixture of seeds and plantings to cover 20% of the lawn.

H. McCann moves to approve restoration plan, S. Moreau seconds; all in favor

The commission requires some form of permanent markers on an as-built plan to be recorded on the deed.

Certificates of Compliance

1. 45 Brandywine Dr.
S. Moreau motions to issue PCOC, H. McCann seconds; all in favor

2. 363 South Gulf Rd

S. Moreau motions to issues COC for 363 South Gulf Rd with condition of recording as-built, E. Knight seconds; all in favor

8:45 S. Moreau motions to adjourn, H. McCann seconds; all in favor

NEXT MEETING Monday, December 9, 2019