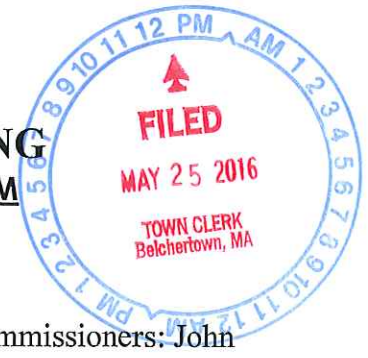


CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, May 10, 2016 Town Hall, Room 101, 7:05 PM



Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Ed Knight called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Present were Commissioners: John Henry, Mike Cavatorta and Jon Clements. LeeAnne Connolly, Conservation Administrator was present for the meeting. Conservation Clerk, Michele Nowak, recorded the minutes. Commissioners Joseph Babineau, and Linda Leduc, and Chairman David Haines were not present for the meeting. Associate member Nicholas Burns was present for the meeting.

- 7:05 Notice of Intent, Cont. – North Liberty St., house construction, DEP #104-969, Jeff Almeida, applicant, Map 268, Lot #52.00 (C). The applicant was not present and requested to continue. Pete Levesque did flag the wetlands. The Septic system was redesigned. The revised plan will be presented at the May 23rd meeting. There was no discussion on this matter. M. Cavatorta motioned to continue the hearing until the May 23rd meeting, J. Henry seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (4:0).
- 7:15 Notice of Intent - 53 Deer Run, garage construction, DEP #104-000, Michael Asselin, applicant, Map 236, Lots #38.00 & #39.00. The applicant was present for the meeting. Don Hess was present representing the applicant. L. Connolly conducted the site visit. The Commission received an Alternatives Analysis. Keith Morris flagged the wetlands and L. Connolly confirmed. The limit of work for the driveway is 8 ft. from the wetland, which will be the retaining wall. A revised plan was presented to the Commission showing mitigation and plantings, retaining wall and set back. The applicant submitted an alternatives analysis to the Commission which outlined the applicant's agreement of no wetland alterations, work will stay within the 25 ft. Buffer Zone. This lot was built in 1989 and the applicant moved in, in 2000 which qualifies the lot to be grandfathered. The proposed driveway area is a wooded site and trees will be cut to the limit of work. There will be double erosion controls. The driveway will be paved. There was some discussion about types of plantings, consisting of native shrubs, Winterberry versus blueberry. The applicant will consult with his wetland consultant and L. Connolly for recommendations. J. Clements motioned to issue an Order of Conditions, J. Henry seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (4:0).
- 7:30 Request for Determination - 52 Brandywine Dr., garage construction, James Nagy, applicant, Map 232, Lot #24.00. The applicant was present for the meeting. M. Cavatorta conducted the site visit. The proposed work is for a 24 X 24 garage with a concrete slab, positioned on existing lawn. The Commission had concerns about the exact position of the wetlands in relation to the proposed work. L. Connolly offered to do a site visit and flag the wetlands. The Commission requested a revised plan showing more detail including the wetland flags, erosion controls and the grading for the work proposed. The applicant informed the Commission that there will not be any digging and there won't be any impact to the wetlands. M. Cavatorta informed the Commission that the footprint is likely between 25 ft. – 50 ft. (wetland not delineated) from the edge of the wetland. The Commission would like to continue this hearing until they are in receipt of the revised plan. The applicant agreed. J. Clements motioned to continue this hearing to the June 13th's meeting, with the applicant's permission, M Cavatorta seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (4:0).

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7:45 Request for Determination – Bardwell St., utility pole, Mass Electric Co., applicant, Map 273, Lot #15.05. Kate Wilkins and Steven Rejnidk from Tighe and Bond were present representing the applicant, National Grid. This proposed work stems from a proposed building on 14 Bardwell Street where they'll be installing a new pole that is within a 100 ft. of a wetland. Across the road, in the Buffer Zone, there is already an existing pole and the proposed work is to install an anchor on the existing pole. J. Henry conducted the site visit. The pink flags represent the wetland flags by Tighe & Bond. The anchor will be driven/screwed in with minimal disturbance to the Buffer Zone. It's right at the 50ft Buffer Zone line. M. Cavatorta motioned to issue a Negative Determination, J. Clements seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (4:0).

Certificate of Compliance – South Washington St., house construction, Map 280, Lot #4.00, Ronald & Jennifer Sunderland, applicants. L. Connolly conducted the site visit. There was no work done; the lot was never developed. The only thing noted was a well installed in the back of the property. The Order of Conditions was issued in 2001 but has expired. L. Connolly recommended the Commission release this lot from the Order of Conditions as it's now invalid. No future work can be done on this lot without first filing for a new Notice of Intent. J. Clements motioned to issue a Certificate of Compliance, M. Cavatorta seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (4:0).

Discussion Items: Bills - There were no bills

- ✚ Minutes – The Commission voted unanimously, (4:0), to approve the 4/25/16 draft minutes as written.
- ✚ Miscellaneous Matters – There were no miscellaneous matters.
- ✚ New Business – There was no new business.
- ✚ ANR Plan – Sargent St., (Route 9), LJ Development, LLC, owner. The Commission reviewed the ANR plan and a standard letter will be sent to the applicant.
- ✚ Lake Arcadia Stormwater Work – 319 Grant – This is for stormwater work along Federal Street/Metacomet Street. The Commission and DPW were awarded a \$42,000 319 Non-Point Pollutant Discharge Grant through the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Water Resources. Currently there is direct stormwater discharge and runoff flowing into Lake Arcadia. The proposed work is to provide treatment of stormwater from pipes and direct surface runoff that discharge directly into the lake. Currently there are two catch basins and a series of overland flows that discharge directly into the lake.
- ✚ Forest Cutting Plans- Route 202 & Oasis Dr., W.D. Cows, Inc., owner. The Commission reviewed this forest cutting plan.
- ✚ Blue Meadow Rd., Belchertown Quabbin, DCR, applicant. The Commission reviewed this forest cutting plan.

7:55PM J. Clements motioned to adjourn, M. Cavatorta seconded. The motion passed unanimously (4:0).

NEXT MEETING Monday, May 23, 2016