



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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*Paul Byrne, Chairman*

*Joseph Rodrigues*

*Marianne Iarossi*

*David Mercer*

*W. Minot Wood*

*Emilie Schuler*

*Catherine Childs*

### **Meeting Minutes January 19, 2017**

**Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by chair Paul Byrne**

**Roll Call: Paul Byrne, David Mercer, Joe Rodrigues, Marianne Iarossi, Catherine Childs, Emilie Schuler, Brandon Parker (Associate Commissioner)**

**Staff: Pam Helinek**

### **Public Hearings**

#### **29 Lake Street, Plan Change, 190-0593**

##### **Present: Tony Brookhouse**

The applicant requested an after-the-fact plan change to allow the placement of a propane tank next to the culvert outlet. Paul Byrne stressed that all plan changes should be approved in advance of the work. Paul Byrne moved to approve the plan change contingent upon an as-built plan being submitted that shows the tank. Second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 6-0-0.

#### **99 Hunter Ave, Plan Change, 190-0591**

##### **Present: Thomas Curley**

The applicant requested an after-the-fact plan change to allow the relocation of an existing dock and the lengthening of a retaining wall. Paul Byrne stressed that all plan changes should be approved in advance of the work. The Commission found that the as-built plan, which was hand-drawn and not to scale, was difficult to compare to the approved plan. Paul Byrne moved to require a correctly scaled as-built plan to be submitted. Second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 6-0-0.

#### **74 Cox Street, NOI, 190-0xxx**

##### **Present: Thomas DiPersio, David Crossman**

The applicant proposes to construct a 16-unit condominium complex on a disturbed commercial site. The site contains a perennial stream, bordering vegetated wetland, buffer zone, and bordering land subject to flooding. Almost the entire site is in Riverfront Area.

The applicant proposes to demolish existing buildings and remove compacted gravel. A shallow infiltration basin is proposed near the stream. 540 square feet of BVW is proposed to be filled. Replication of 550 square feet is proposed near the stream as well as a vegetated buffer zone.

The Commission expressed concern that floodplain was not discussed in the NOI. Bordering Land Subject to Flooding (BLSF) will be disturbed by the work, elevations may be altered, and it looks like the corner of the new building may be in floodplain. Marianne Iarossi requested to know whether a 21E had been done to determine if there are contaminated soils. Catie Childs pointed out discrepancies in the NOI as to whether or not the site is a re-development site. Tom Dipersio confirmed that the site is a re-development site. Paul Byrne asked if test pits have been done; Tom Dipersio confirmed that they have. Dave Crossman mentioned the possibility of invasives removal as well as native plantings near the stream. Brandon Parker asked about snow storage and Emilie Schuler asked about the substrate for the native plantings. Paul Byrne asked how the infiltration basin will be accessed. There is a gravel access road although it doesn't go all the way to the basin. Joe Rodrigues pointed out that the basin is very shallow and only a small bobcat would be required for maintenance.

A site visit was scheduled for Wednesday, January 25 at 4:00. Paul Byrne moved to continue the hearing to Thursday, February 2 at 7:00. Second by Joe Rodrigues. Vote 6-0-0.

### **Administrative Business**

**Commission Vacancy** – Minot Wood has resigned from the Commission. The BOS will accept his resignation at their meeting on January 23.

**MACC letter to oppose interstate gas pipelines** – MACC is requesting commissions to sign a letter to the governor opposing interstate gas pipeline. Joe Rodrigues moved to not sign the letter. Second by David Mercer, vote 3-2-1.

### **COC Request – 11 Exeter Road, MassDEP #190-355**

This was an ANRAD and therefore does not require a COC, but the applicant would like to have one so that there is not an appearance of a lien on the property title. The ANRAD was for a subdivision and the property in question has no jurisdictional areas. Paul Byrne moved to sign the COC, second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 6-0-0.

### **COC Request – 136 Main Street, MassDEP #190-0590**

The project was completed according to plan and Pam Helinek performed a site inspection. Paul Byrne moved to issue the COC, second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 6-0-0.

**Gerwick Conservation Land Update** – Pam Helinek reported that the easement has been surveyed and a consultant has been hired to design a parking area and pedestrian access path. DPW is willing to do the construction as long as they are not given a tight schedule. The title has been amended to build the parking area near the street instead of at the far end of the

easement. A RFQ has been for proposals to survey and stake the entire parcel perimeter. The parcel should be open to the public late spring or early summer.

**Minutes** – Paul Byrne moved to accept the minutes for December 1, 2016. Second by Marianne Iarossi, vote 5-0-1.

**Discussion – Dredging of Tripps Pond**

Pam Helinek will request to have the Commission on the Board of Selectment agenda for their February 27 meeting to discuss the future of Tripps Pond. She has confirmed that Gene Crouch can attend the meeting to answer any questions.

**Discussion – Proposed Wetlands Bylaw**

Pam Helinek asked whether or not the Commission wanted to continue pursuing Town Meeting approval of a Wetlands Protection Bylaw. Paul Byrne moved to appoint Marianne Iarossi and Emilie Schuler as outreach coordinators. They will reach out the Lake Boon Commission, Fort Meadow Commission, and the community at large to try to determine whether or not there is support for a Bylaw.

**Adjournment**

Paul Byrne moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Catie Childs, vote 6-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.