



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Paul Byrne, Chairman

Joseph Rodrigues

Marianne Iarossi

David Mercer

Emilie Schuler

Catherine Childs

Brandon Parker

Meeting Minutes February 16, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by vice-chair David Mercer

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

Staff: Pam Helinek

Public Hearings

74 Cox Street, continued NOI, 190-0601

The applicant has requested to continue the hearing to March 2. David Mercer moved to continue the hearing to March 2 at 7:00. Second by Emilie Schuler, vote 6-0-0

425 Main Street, NOI, 190-0602

Present: Arthur Allen, EcoTec; Carl Hultgren, Quinn Engineering

The applicant proposes to replace the parking lot behind the condominiums, adding stormwater management. The parking lot is in Riverfront Area to the Assabet River, Bordering Land Subject to Flooding, and Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland. Currently the parking lot has problems with icing, and storm water sheet flows into the river. The applicant will tear up the existing pavement, regrade, extend roof leaders, and repave the lot in the existing footprint, adding grassed stormwater swales. The swales will not require cutting any trees but only understory vegetation which is mostly invasive. The project is proposed as redevelopment. DEP has commented that the fee needs to be recalculated for Riverfront Area.

Joe Rodrigues asked if they will grind the blacktop into the base or remove it. They will remove it. The existing asphalt base will be re-pitched slightly and covered with new blacktop. Joe Rodrigues suggested screening the end of the pipes to keep animals out. Emilie Schuler asked about the use of permeable asphalt. Carl Hultgren said that it requires a lot of maintenance and will only remain permeable if it's vacuumed by a special vacuum truck. Pam Helinek said that Paul Byrne asked about removing additional invasives. Art Allen said that would result in removing most of the understory buffer to the river. Pam Helinek asked about removing bittersweet vines that are threatening trees – Art Allen said he hadn't seen much bittersweet.

Erosion control was discussed. Straw bales or wattles will be used with silt fence; no haybales will be used. This will be included in the Special Conditions. Emilie Schuler asked that another Special Condition state that no fertilizer shall be used on the lawn. David Mercer moved to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions, contingent upon the correct fees being paid. Second by Marianne Iarossi, vote 6-0-0.

Administrative Business

Minutes – David Mercer moved to accept the minutes for February 2, 2017. Second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 6-0-0.

Discussion – Proposed Wetlands Bylaw

The Lake Boon Commission is not meeting again until May. The Commission may invite them to a Conservation meeting to discuss the bylaw. Marianne Iarossi and Emilie Schuler will meet with Pam Helinek to discuss the details of the current draft of the bylaw. Pam Helinek will find out if the Commission can put an informative brochure in the next tax bill. .

Adjournment

David Mercer moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Catie Childs, vote 6-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.