



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2017

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

Roll Call: Paul Byrne, David Mercer, Joe Rodrigues, Marianne Iarossi, Emilie Schuler, Brandon Parker, Jason Weksner

Staff: Pam Helinek (Conservation Agent)

Public Hearings

120 Chapin Road, RDA

Present: Steven Santos, Town of Hudson Director of Recreation

The applicant proposes to replace sod and regrade baseball fields in Riverfront Area.

Marianne Iarossi moved to issue a negative determination, second by Paul Byrne, vote 7-0-0

8 Lamson Road, Violation

Present: Shelby Dunbar, Erik Dunbar

The property owner replaced a bulkhead in Buffer Zone to Bruce's Pond and did not file an RDA although she was told to do so by Pam Helinek. Ms. Dunbar stated that she believed her project was minor work and did not require a permit. Paul Byrne said that the Commission determines whether or not a permit is needed. Pam Helinek said in the future she needs to get a permit or administrative approval before any work is done in her yard that disturbs soil or vegetation.

34 Manning Street, RDA

Present: Mahesh and Bimla Sharma

The property owner had a gas line installed through existing pavement from the street to his house in the Buffer Zone to Bruce's Pond. The work had to be done before road construction was completed and Pam Helinek after discussing with Paul Byrne gave administrative approval with the requirement of an after-the-fact RDA filing. Paul Byrne moved to issue a negative determination, second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 6-1-0.

50 Giasson Street, RDA**Present: Paul Morris**

The property contains an aging car wash within a paved parking lot in the Buffer Zone to a bordering vegetated wetland and intermittent stream. The applicant proposes to replace the parking lot in the original footprint. There are 5 existing catch basins which discharge to the resource area. These will be protected with silt sacks. Silt fence and straw wattles will be installed around the parking lot, within the chain link fence if possible. The building will be re-built on the original foundation within the paved area. The final design will improve discharge to the resource area since (1) cars will be rinsed within the building instead of outside and (2) roof drains will discharge under the lot so roof water does not flow over the paved lot and into the resource area. Brandon Parker requested a maintenance plan be submitted for the catch basins and that annual reports be sent to the conservation office to ensure they are cleaned out as needed. Emilie Schuler moved to issue a negative determination with the conditions that a preconstruction site visit is conducted with the conservation agent and that a stormwater maintenance plan is submitted. Second by Marianne Iarossi, vote 7-0-0.

75 Hunter Ave, continued NOI, 190-0606**Present: Michael Saliga, Brian Saliga (property owners), Evan Underwood (contractor), Kathy Adams (abutter)**

The applicant proposed to replace a patio, regrade the yard, build retaining walls, and cut 12 large trees in the Buffer Zone to Lake Boon. The applicant had originally proposed to replace half the wall but now would like to replace the entire wall. However his immediate concern is replacing the patio. There are three trees, one large oak and two large pines, that are along the shore and will need to be removed to replace the wall. It would be difficult to access the trees once the new patio is built. Two of the three root balls could be left in place although the third will have to be at least partially removed when the wall work is done. Marianne Iarossi moved to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions for the patio and for cutting the three trees along the shore, stumps ground but root balls left in place. Any further work requires an amendment to the Order of Conditions. Second by David Mercer, vote 5-0-2.

23 Washington Street, RDA

The applicant is an auto shop along the Assabet River. Their roof was leaking badly and they replaced it without permission for the Commission and have submitted an after-the-fact filing. The roof is complete and all materials have been cleaned up. Paul Byrne moved to issue a negative determination, second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 7-0-0.

Administrative Business**COC Request – Matrix Apartments, Cabot Road 190-0573**

Pam Helinek reported that she had received the as-built plan, the certified letter of compliance, and the final monitoring report from EcoTec, and that she had performed a

site inspection. Emilie Schuler moved to issue the Certificate of Compliance, second by Paul Byrne, vote 7-0-0.

Partial COC Request – 5 Dyson Circle, WestRidge, 190-0418

Pam Helinek has been in communication with the management company for WestRidge about closing out the Order of Conditions. There is one small area of Conservation Land in Buffer Zone that still needs to be stabilized. It is mostly dirt with some weedy vegetation and the erosion controls are still in place. 5 Dyson Circle is not near any resource area or buffer zone and requests a Partial Certificate of Compliance for their unit so that they can sell the property.

Paul Byrne moved to issue the Partial Certificate of Compliance for 5 Dyson Circle. Second by Emilie Schuler, vote 7-0-0. Paul Byrne said to issue an Enforcement Order to Westbridge requiring the work to be completed and requiring a new NOI if the OOC has expired.

Minutes – Marianne Iarossi moved to accept the minutes of September 14, 2017. Second by David Mercer, vote 5-0-2.

Conservation Land Signs – The Commission agreed to use money from the Conservation Fund to purchase a new sign for Danforth Falls Conservation Land. Paul Byrne also suggested purchasing signs for Morse Conservation Land on Causeway Street and Buteau Conservation Land on Reed Road. Pam Helinek will order the Danforth Falls sign and will talk to the Community Preservation Commission to see if they will purchase signs for the other parcels.

Discussion – Metal detection on conservation land

The Commission received a request to do metal detecting on conservation land. They agreed it was fine as long as wetlands weren't disturbed.

Wetlands Protection Bylaw – The Commission tabled the discussion until the next meeting.

Adjournment

Emilie Schuler moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 7-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.