



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

78 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749  
(978) 562-2948

*Paul Byrne, Chairman*

*Joseph Rodrigues*

*Marianne Iarossi*

*David Mercer*

*Emilie Schuler*

*Catherine Childs*

*Brandon Parker*

### Meeting Minutes March 2, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM by chair Paul Byrne

Roll Call: Paul Byrne, David Mercer, Marianne Iarossi, Catherine Childs, Emilie Schuler, Brandon Parker, Jason Weksner (Associate Commissioner), Nusrath Khan (Associate Commissioner)

Staff: Pam Helinek

#### Administrative Business

##### **Discussion – Gerwick Property**

Pam Helinek reported that the design for the parking lot and pedestrian access path is complete and that DPW will do the construction. The path is located as far from the small wetland as possible within the easement, about 30 feet away, and will not be paved. Paul Byrne moved to grant administrative permission to allow the work to be done. Second by Emilie Schuler, vote 6-0-0.

**Minutes** – Paul Byrne moved to accept the minutes for February 16, 2017. Second by Catie Childs, vote 6-0-0.

##### **Discussion – Tripps Pond, Highland Commons**

Paul Byrne and Gene Crouch of VHB presented the possibility of dredging Tripps Pond to the Board of Selectmen Monday night, Feb 27<sup>th</sup>. The Selectmen opted against providing funding towards the \$780,000 (estimated remaining cost after the Highland Commons mitigation money is applied) required to dredge the pond. Benderson Development wants to know what the Commission would like to do with the remaining \$133,000 in mitigation funds. The Commission wants to hear from the Parks Commission on the Tripps Pond issue before making a decision.

##### **Discussion – Proposed Wetlands Bylaw**

The Commission discussed the Proposed Wetlands Bylaw as it was submitted last August, clarified items and identified areas to change.



## **Public Hearings**

**74 Cox Street, continued NOI, 190-0601**

**Present: David Crossman, B&C Consulting; Eugene Curley, property owner**

DEP has assigned the file number with no comments. The NOI has been updated. An invasive species management plan has been submitted. Tom DiPersio has confirmed with DPW that the proposed culvert size should be adequate. Paul Byrne moved to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions. Second by Marianne Iarossi, vote 6-0-0. The following Special Conditions shall apply:

- 1 - The permanent sedimentation basin shall be built at the project start so that it has time to stabilize and become vegetated.
- 2 - A small trail will be provided to allow residents to access the stream
- 3 - Educational signage shall be posted to explain the restoration and replication areas and tell residents not to disturb them. Signage shall be approved by the Commission or its Agent.
- 4 - Erosion control shall consist of double-staked straw bales or wattles with silt fence. Only invasive free erosion control shall be used.
- 5 - All planting plans must be approved by the Commission or its Agent.
- 6 - Sump pumps shall discharge into the drainage system in front.
- 7 - The area will be kept clean of debris during construction
- 8 - The OOC must be recorded against the title of each condominium unit. Partial Certificates of Compliance may be issued for individual units as they are ready for sale.
- 9 - In Perpetuity: Maintenance on the detention basin must be performed annually.
- 10 - In Perpetuity: No fertilizer may be used on the site.

## **Adjournment**

Paul Byrne moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Catie Childs, vote 6-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.