



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Emilie Schuler

Brandon Parker

Jason Weksner

Meeting Minutes November 16, 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

Washington Street, Assisted Living Facility, NOI, 190-06xx

Present: Austin Turner, Bohler Engineering

Documents:

- Site Development Plans for "Bay Village" by gsxsolutions; prepared by Bohler Engineering; signed and stamped by Matthew D. Smith, PE# 45496; dated 10/23/17
- Notice of Intent for Proposed Assisted Living Facility; prepared by Bohler Engineering, dated 11/2/17
- Drainage Report for Proposed Assisted Living Facility; prepared by Bohler Engineering, dated 10/24/17
- Aerial Exhibit; prepared by Bohler Engineering; dated 11/16/17
- Grading Exhibit; prepared by Bohler Engineering; dated 11/16/17

The applicant proposes to construct an assisted living facility with associated drainage and stormwater structures partially in Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands. A 25' foot buffer of natural vegetation has been left undisturbed around the wetlands. Infiltration systems with sediment forebays for pre-treatment have been designed to handle the 100-year storm event.

Paul Byrne asked if there will be irrigation on the site. Austin Turner said there may be limited irrigation in the front of the facility. Paul Byrne suggested using their own irrigation wells if possible because of water restrictions during summer months.

Joe Rodrigues asked whether the forebay was large enough and expressed concern about muck overflowing the basin. He asked about raising the pipe to control the flow of mud and about adding some extra settling area. Austin Turner thinks the basin design is large enough and probably larger than necessary. He said he can go a little deeper, but not much because of the groundwater level. He suggested excavating a little further and adding stone to prevent erosion.

Emilie Schuler asked that native grasses be specified for around the detention basin. She also pointed out two invasive species in the planting plan, tree lilac and vinca minor, and asked that they be replaced with native species such as smoke tree for the tree lilac, and ginger or Labrador violet for the vinca.

Marianne Iarossi asked about tree and vegetation clearing. Total Buffer Zone disturbance is approximately 58,000 square feet. There are some mature trees and a lot of thorny shrubs and brush. There are also a large number of trees being cut outside of the Buffer Zone.

Brandon Parker asked about a maintenance plan for the storm water system. The forebays and catch basins will be cleaned out at least twice annually and more often if significant sediment accumulates.

Joe Rodrigues asked about snow storage. Austin Turner said snow would be stored away from the wetlands and carried off site if there is too much. Marianne Iarossi asked for signage telling snow plows where they should not push the snow, similar to those at Walmart. Joe Rodrigues said there should be 10 ft high chainlink fences protecting the wetlands and detention basins with signage for the snow plows mounted on the fences.

A site visit was scheduled for Saturday Dec 2 at 8 AM. Paul Byrne moved to continue the hearing to December 7, 2017 at 7:00 PM. Second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 7-0-0.

MBTA ROW, ANRAD, 190-0611

Present: Denise Bartone, Eversource; John Vieira, VHB; Katie Kinsella, VHB; Samantha Cloutiec, Eversource

Abutters: Paul and Nancy King, Lee Murphy, Dan Greenstein, Laura Rofashio, Brian O'Neill, Shailesh Desai, Steven Tipps

Documents:

- Sudbury-Hudson Transmission Reliability Project, Hudson, Massachusetts, Existing Conditions Plan For ANRAD Submittal; Prepared by VHB; signed and stamped by James L. Diorio, PE # 32092; dated 10/16/2017
- Eversource Energy Sudbury-Hudson Transmission Reliability Project, Hudson, Massachusetts: Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation; prepared by VHB; dated 11/2/2017

The applicant discussed the delineation of wetland resources in the Hudson portion of the proposed route for the Eversource Transmission Reliability Project. 21 Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW), 2 certified vernal pools (VP), 1 certifiable vernal pool, 2 perennial streams, and 1 intermittent stream were identified in Hudson. Bordering Land Subject to Flooding (BLSF) and Isolated Land Subject to Flooding (ILSF) are not shown on the plans due to some differences with elevation measurements which need to be rectified with FEMA. VHB expects to provide floodplain information within two weeks.

Paul Byrne pointed out a wetland on sheet 3 (of 24) that is shown as Isolated Vegetated Wetlands (IVW) that is actually a BVW. Sheet 6 should show an additional VP behind Forest Ave School. The BVW shown at Glendale Ave on Sheet 7 is gone. He requested that wellfields for Chestnut, Kane, and Cranberry Wells be shown on the plans, as well as the connection to the Maynard water supply.

Paul Byrne moved to hire Waterman Design Associates to perform a peer review of the ANRAD. Second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 7-0-0. John Vieira agreed that Eversource would pay for the peer review. The consultant must coordinate with Eversource to do site work along the MBTA ROW.

Abutter Paul King of 145 White Pond Road asked if private wells would be identified on the plans. The applicant agreed to include private wells that they are aware of. Private wells should be registered with the Board of Health, or abutters can provide the information directly to Eversource.

Abutter Brian O'Neill of 31 Parmenter Road expressed concerns about disturbing the MBTA ROW. Paul Byrne explained that was not the subject of this hearing. Brian O'Neill asked if Hudson would request an extension with the EFSB and if the documents discussed at the meeting were available to the public. Pam Helinek said Hudson would not require an extension and that the documents were available on the Conservation Commission page of the town website.

Paul Byrne moved to continue the hearing to December 7, 2017 at 7:00, second by Marianne Iarossi, vote 7-0-0.

Administrative Business

Minutes – Paul Byrne moved to accept the minutes of November 2, 2017. Second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 7-0-0.

Certificate of Compliance Request, Priest Street, 190-0596

The applicant submitted an as-built plan and Pam Helinek performed a site inspection. Paul Byrne moved to issue a Certificate of Compliance, second by Marianne Iarossi, vote 7-0-0.

Enforcement Order Extension Request, WestRidge, DEP #190-0418

The applicant has completed hydroseeding all areas that required stabilization but due to heavy rains was not able to do the work required on the detention basin in time for the November 15 deadline. The applicant has requested an extension to Dec 1 to complete the work. Brandon Parker said that they had been out of compliance for a long time and should be required to file for a new NOI. Paul Byrne moved to grant an extension to Dec 7, with the understanding that no more extensions would be granted, second by Emilie Schuler, vote 6-1-0.

Wetlands Protection Bylaw

Pam Helinek made changes to the draft bylaw based on comments from the public. Brandon Parker suggested charging higher fines for commercial violators. The Commission agreed that fines for single family residences would be \$100 per violation per day, and that fines for commercial entities would be \$300 per violation per day.

Adjournment

Emilie Schuler moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 7-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.