



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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*Paul Byrne, Chairman*

*Joseph Rodrigues*

*Marianne Iarossi*

*David Mercer*

*Emilie Schuler*

*Brandon Parker*

*Jason Weksner*

### **Meeting Minutes December 7, 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, Continued NOI, 190-0612**

**Present: Austin Turner, Bohler Engineering**

The applicant has added buffer enhancement plantings along the limit of work. Clusters of native plants will be interspersed with a wet meadow seed mix which includes pollinator plants, ground cover, and strong grasses. The applicant will incorporate the grading in the detention basin discussed at the last meeting and will install a 10-foot fence with signs prohibiting snow disposal mounted at appropriate intervals. The applicant will also install bounds along the limit of work to prevent future encroachment in to the vegetated area.

The Commission asked about the DEP comments which required test pits at the location of the infiltration basins and an increased water quality volume factor. Austin Turner said that the test pits would be taken and would also be required by the Planning Board. He said that the water quality volume factor stated by DEP was for new development, not re-development projects, but that this project is over-designed and will largely meet the new development standards.

Joe Rodrigues said that silt fence must be dug into the ground and all erosion controls must be double staked.

Brandon Parker asked about the possibility of a deed restriction or conservation restriction on the undeveloped land in the back of the property. Austin Turner said he would discuss it with the property owner. A Special Condition will require the applicant to work with the Conservation Commission on a possible restriction.

Marianne Iarossi moved to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions. Second by Paul Byrne, vote 7-0-0.

## **MBTA ROW, continued ANRAD, 190-0611**

**Present: John Vieira, VHB; Katie Kinsella, VHB; Joanne O'Leary, Eversource; Brian Waterman, Waterman Design Associates**

### **Documents:**

- Sudbury-Hudson Transmission Reliability Project, Hudson, Massachusetts, Existing Conditions Plan For ANRAD Submittal; Prepared by VHB; signed and stamped by Russell J. Bousquet, PE # 35389; Revision 1, dated 11/28/2017
- Hudson ANRAD Supplemental Wetland Resource Area Delineation; Prepared by VHB; dated 11/28/2017
- Sudbury-Hudson Transmission Reliability Project, Orthoimagery Existing Conditions ANRAD Plans, Prepared by VHB; dated 11/29/2017

John Vieira reviewed revisions to the ANRAD including changes discussed at the last meeting and the addition of BLSF and ILSF. Additional sheets have been added to the GIS figures to show Hudson's well locations. Paul Byrne asked that the location of White Pond, a water supply for Maynard, is also included. The Commission has hired Brian Waterman of Waterman Design Associates to perform a peer review of the ANRAD. A check for the estimated consultant fee was delivered by Eversource today. Brian Waterman plans to start the review next week and hopes to be done in time for the next meeting on December 21.

Paul Byrne moved to continue the hearing to December 21, 2017 at 7:00, second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 7-0-0.

## **Administrative Business**

**Minutes** – Paul Byrne moved to accept the minutes of November 16, 2017. Second by Emilie Schuler, vote 7-0-0.

## **Wetlands Protection Bylaw**

The Commission discussed the language specifying fines. The fine will be \$100 per violation for a property with 3 or fewer residences and \$300 for all other. Pam Helinek will edit the draft, send it out to the list of interested residents, and schedule an information session for the second January meeting.

## **Adjournment**

Emilie Schuler moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 7-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.