



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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*Joseph Rodrigues*

*Marianne Iarossi*

*David Mercer, Vice Chair*

*Emilie Schuler*

*Brandon Parker*

*Jason Weksner*

### **Meeting Minutes February 15, 2018**

**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**

**South Street and Market Street, NOI, 190-0614**

**Present: Kristina Johnson, Town of Hudson Community Development; Ingeborg Hegeman, BSC Group; James Fasser, BSC Group; Charles Randall, abutter**

#### **Documents:**

- Hudson South Street Streetscape Improvements, Notice of Intent Plans, sheets 1-2; prepared by BSC Group; signed and stamped by William G. Paille, PE# 39312, 2/2/18; revision 2/2/18; scale 20'=1"
- South Street Streetscape Improvements, Hudson, Massachusetts, Notice of Intent Application; prepared by BSC Group; dated February 2018

The applicant proposes to re-pave and add improvements to drainage and streetscape along South Street and Market Street in the downtown area. This is a town project funded by a grant. Portions of the work are in Riverfront Area and Bordering Land Subject to Flooding. A number of deep sump catch basins will be installed to improve drainage. Impervious area will be slightly decreased by the addition of landscaped areas. Compensatory flood storage is slightly higher than required.

Joe Rodrigues asked about the depth of the planned paving. The exact depth was not known. He asked about the depth of the water table and whether de-watering would be required. This is possible although not expected. There is currently no de-watering plan. Paul Byrne asked where stockpiles would be stored. The SWPP will require all materials to be removed from site. There should be no stockpiles but in the case of a temporary stockpile, it will be tarped overnight. Marianne Iarossi asked about a maintenance plan for the new trees and other landscaping. There are plans to work with DPW and the BID (Business Improvement District) in caring for the trees. Paul Byrne asked about planting trees so close to the electricity wires, and whether the wires will

be moved underground. The wires will not be moved, however species have been chosen for growth patterns that won't interfere with the wires.

Paul Byrne moved to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions, second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 7-0-0.

**Special Conditions:**

- If dewatering is required, a dewatering plan shall be submitted to and approved by the Commission in advance.
- If property outside the approved limits of work is used for temporary stockpiles, it must be approved by the Commission in advance.
- Existing catch basins must be protected by silt sacks and appropriate erosion control must be installed around the project site

**Violation – 90 Cherry Street**

**Present: James Downing, Downing Electric; Tony Molino, Downing Electric**

Pam Helinek was notified by the Building Inspector that an unpaved parking area had been created partially in Riverfront Area and Floodplain. The lot is about 3000 square feet. The area has been levelled and filled with 2-3 inches of crushed stone. It is somewhat unclear where the jurisdictional boundaries are located. Paul Byrne said there was an ANRAD done for the property in the past. Pam Helinek will retrieve the file to try to determine whether or not Riverfront Area or Floodplain were altered. Paul Byrne also requested the applicant submit a copy of their 21E assessment.

**Joint Hearing – Community Preservation Commission**

**Present: Linda Ghiloni, Community Preservation Committee; John Parent, Community Preservation Committee and Board of Selectman Chair**

The CPC and Conservation Commission met to discuss the need for a Hudson Land Trust to hold conservation and recreation restrictions. Restrictions purchased with CPA funds cannot be held by a town entity, but must be held by a private, non-profit organization. Sudbury Valley Trustees will hold conservation restrictions for a fee, but they will not hold recreation restrictions. The Land Trust must be approved by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

The Land Trust must have a Board of Directors. The appropriateness of having CPC members, Conservation Commissioners, or Selectmen on the Board is uncertain. Pam Helinek will advertise for members on the town mailing list and facebook pages and will have an article published in the local paper.

Some amount of funding will be required to start up the Land Trust. CPC can pay fees per property and members can be charged a small amount of dues. Linda Ghiloni will ask local businesses for contributions.

The Land Trust will probably hold meetings twice annually, coinciding with the Town Meetings, and will be required to walk each property at least annually to ensure that it is being used for approved purposes.

## **Administrative Business**

**Minutes** – Paul Byrne moved to accept the minutes of February 1, 2018. Second by Marianne Iarossi, vote 6-0-1.

### **Extension Request – DPW Maintenance OOC, 190-0520**

Paul Byrne expressed concern that the DPW does not comply with the conditions of the OOC. In particular, Special Condition 19 requires that the Conservation Commission be notified in advance of any work being done in jurisdictional areas and within 24 hours of emergency work, that the Commission inspect erosion controls before work starts, and that a list of planned work for the year be submitted in January. He said that if these conditions are not followed then the OOC should be revoked. Paul Byrne suggested granting a 3-year extension permit contingent upon a list of projects for the year be submitted by March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and that all conditions of the order be complied with. Brandon Parker asked for clarification on what types of project should be included in the list. The Commission agreed that work on structures such as culverts or bridges and work requiring excavation or grading should be included. Marianne Iarossi moved to issue the extension with these contingencies, second by Emilie Schuler, vote 7-0-0.

### **Violation – 295 Cox Street**

Joe Rodrigues requested an update on the wetland fill at 295 Cox Street. Pam Helinek will follow up and report.

## **Adjournment**

Paul Byrne moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 7-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.