

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Meeting Minutes June 21, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by chair Paul Byrne Roll Call: Paul Byrne, David Mercer, Joe Rodrigues, Brandon Parker, Emilie Wilder, Jason Weksner Staff: Pam Helinek (Conservation Agent)

Public Hearings

Chestnut Street well, RDA

DPW proposes to construct a new well within previously disturbed area in Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands. The old well failed and the new one will be installed within the same footprint. Erosion controls in the form of straw wattles have been installed. Paul Byrne moved to issue a Negative Determination, second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 6-0-0

29 Maple Street, RDA

Present: Doug Bondeson

The applicant proposes to thin out trees in Riverfront Area to Hog Brook and Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands. Brandon Parker and Joe Rodrigues visited the site and had no problems with the proposed work. Brandon Parker said that no work should be down beyond the three large trees in the area. Paul Byrne moved to issue a Negative Determination, second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 6-0-0.

24 Lakeshore Drive, RDA

Present: Gary Pelletier

The applicant proposes to construct a small entranceway on the side of a house in Buffer Zone to Fort Meadow Reservoir. He will move and replant existing flowers where possible and remove a stump that's in the way. Erosion controls will be installed from the chimney, along a fence, and around the back of the large tree. Paul Byrne moved to issue a Negative Determination with the condition that the conservation agent inspects erosion controls before construction begins. Second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 6-0-0.

Reed Road, Intel Corporation, RDA

The applicant proposes to clear vegetation just outside the Buffer Zone for access to decommission a wellhead that is just inside the Buffer Zone. Straw wattles will be installed to ensure that no vegetation is disturbed in the Buffer Zone when clearing is done. Paul Byrne moved to issue a Negative Determination, second by Emilie Wilder, vote 6-0-0.

Murphy Rd and Chestnut St, ANRAD, 190-06xx

Present: Robert Parente, RJP Construction and Engineering; Minot Wood, EH Perkins Construction

Documents:

• Plan to Accompany Application for Resource Area Delineation in Hudson, Massachusetts; Prepared by RJP Construction and Engineering; signed and stamped by Robert J. Parente, PLS # 35787; dated 5/28/2018; scale 1"=50"

Pam Helinek reported that the delineation was straightforward because of a steep grade change just past the bank of the stream. The applicant stated that the stream was intermittent and dried out in the summer. Minot Wood provided pictures of the dry stream bed. Paul Byrne moved to close the hearing and issue an ORAD when the DEP number is issued, with the note that the Commission agreed that the stream is intermittent. Second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 6-0-0.

175 Brook Street, NOI, 190-0619

Present: Jack Maloney, Ducharme & Dillis Civil Design Group Documents:

- Notice of Intent, Lot #1 175 Brook Street; Prepared by Ducharme & Dillis Design Group; dated June 4, 2018
- Sewage Disposal System Design, 175 Brook Street; Prepared by Ducharme & Dillis Civil Design Group; signed and stamped by Brandon J. Ducharme, Registered Sanitarian #1201; dated 6/1/2018; scale 1"=20'

The applicant proposes to construct a septic system in Riverfront Area to Fort Meadow Brook. All disturbance will be temporary and no trees will be cut. Paul Byrne moved to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions, second by Emilie Wilder, vote 6-0-0.

Administrative Business

Discussion – Hudson Light and Power - trenching for utility poles, Hosmer Street Present: Pat Laverty

HLP would like to dig a trench to install utility poles. The trench will be about 40 inches deep. Digging will be within 100 feet of an intermittent stream, but all disturbance will be temporary and 45backfilled the same day, and is on the other side of a driveway and stone wall. The Commission agreed the work could be done with administrative approval.

Discussion – wetland crossing for test pits, Parmenter Road at Marlborough line Present: Steve Poole

The applicant would like to cross a small wetland strip to perform test borings. The area is currently dry. A mini excavator with rubber treads would fit around trees and cause minimal temporary disturbance. The Commission agreed the work could be done with administrative approval.

Partial COC request – 14 Maxwell Circle, 190-120, 190-121, 190-122

The OOCs were for the Brigham Hill subdivision and were issued in 1986. Several partial COCs have been granted for individual house lots. 14 Maxwell Circle was one of the lots where wetland replication was done, and the backyard should be mostly wetland. Pam Helinek performed a site visit and verified that the wetland is healthy and has not been disturbed. Paul Byrne moved that the COCs be issued with a note attached stating that the wetlands shall not be disturbed, signed by the new property owner. Second by Emilie Wilder, vote 6-0-0.

Minutes – Paul Byrne moved to approve the minutes from June 7th. Second by Emilie Wilder, vote 5-0-0.

Stewardship

Pam Helinek obtained a quote for \$1865 to install a beaver deceiver system, including the first year's warrantee. The Commission agreed to spend money from the receipts account to pay for installing the system.

Adjournment

Paul Byrne moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Emilie Wilder, vote 6-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.