



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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*Brandon Parker*

*Jason Weksner*

### **Meeting Minutes September 6, 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 Wilder, Brandon Parker, Jason Weksner**

**Staff: Pam Helinek (Conservation Agent)**

### **Public Hearings**

**7 South Street, NOI, 190-06xx**

**Present: Tom Dipersio, Ray Poirer**

#### **Documents:**

- Stormwater Management Submittals, 7 South Street; prepared by Thomas Land Surveyors & Engineering Consultants, Inc.; dated September 2015
- Notice of Intent Plan, 7 South Street; prepared by Thomas Dipersio, Jr. & Associates, Inc.; revision 9/24/15; scale 1"=20'

The applicant has resubmitted the NOI for an expired OOC. The proposal is for a 3-story multi-use building in Riverfront Area to the Assabet River. The lot is currently a paved parking lot with a steep drop in the back down to the river. An area of invasive vegetation near the river will be cleared and re-planted with native vegetation including slope stabilization plants. Infiltration systems will be added to handle stormwater from the building roof and from the new parking area.

Joe Rodrigues asked about the water table. Tom DiPersio said they would be about 10 feet above the water table. Jason Weksner asked about heavy equipment near trees in the back of the lot. Tom DiPersio said there will be no heavy equipment back by the river which is steeply sloped. Paul Byrne moved to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions, second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 7-0-0.

### **Administrative Business**

**Certificate of Compliance Request – 7 South Street, 190-0584**

Paul Byrne moved to issue a Certificate of Compliance for the expired OOC with no work done. Second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 7-0-0

**Discussion – 22 Bonazzoli Ave****Present: Mike Harrington**

Pam Helinek reported that the site, at the top of a steep drop down to wetlands which reach back to the Assabet River, was cleared and is currently unstable. She visited the site last week and requested that the owner Mike Harrington install straw wattles along the edge of the exposed soil, which he did the following day. Mr. Harrington has not finalized plans for building on the site and would like to remove the loam.

A picture of the site revealed an oddly placed culvert near the edge of the steep drop. Pam Helinek will ask DPW if they know anything about the culvert and its function. Paul Byrne suggested that a swale be dug along the edge of the exposed soil to collect water and sediment in the case of heavy rain. The Commission discussed whether an RDA or NOI is appropriate for the work already done and to be done.

The discussion was continued until the next meeting so that the Commissioners could visit the site and Pam Helinek could try to find information on the culvert.

**Extension request and Drawdown request– Fort Meadow Reservoir drawdown, 190-0436**

Paul Byrne moved to extend the Fort Meadow Reservoir drawdown OOC for three more years. Second by Emilie Wilder, vote 6-0-0. Paul Byrne moved to approve the Fort Meadow Commission's request to start a Drawdown on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Second by Emilie Wilder, vote 7-0-0.

**Certificate of Compliance request – 2 Karen Circle, 190-0026**

Pam Helinek inspected the property and reported it to be in compliance with the Order of Conditions. Paul Byrne moved to issue the COC, second by Emilie Wilder, vote 7-0-0.

**Fort Meadow Reservoir Phragmites Treatment, 190-0608****Present: Lee Thomson, Fort Meadow Commission chair**

Lee Thomson requested approval for a phragmites treatment under 190-0608 in the fall of 2018. Paul Byrne moved to approve the treatment, second by Marianne Iarossi, vote 7-0-0.

**Discussion – MVP Core Team representative**

Pam Helinek asked for a Commissioner to be on the Core Team for the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness planning process. Emilie Wilder volunteered to represent the Commission.

**Discussion – 6 Maxwell Circle**

The Commission discussed options for dealing with the filled area of wetland along the stream at 6 Maxwell Circle. Options discussed included hiring a wetland scientist to flag the area, issuing an Enforcement Order to require the property owner to have the area flagged, or visually identifying the filled area, and then requiring restoration with native plantings. Paul Byrne moved to have Pam Helinek issue a Notice of Violation requiring the property owner to contact her and arrange a meeting with Emilie Wilder to stake the area to be restored and discuss appropriate planting options. Second by Emilie Wilder, vote 7-0-0.

**Minutes** – Marianne Iarossi moved to approve the minutes from August 16, 2018. Second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 5-0-2.

**Discussion – 295 Cox Ave**

Brandon Parker requested that Pam Helinek visit the site to see how much disturbance remains in the wetland, and to issue a Notice of Violation if the area appears disturbed.

**Adjournment**

Paul Byrne moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Marianne Iarossi, vote 7-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.