



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Meeting Minutes October 18, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by vice-chair David Mercer

Roll Call: David Mercer, Joe Rodrigues, Emilie Wilder, Brandon Parker, Jason Weksner

Staff: Pam Helinek (Conservation Agent)

Public Hearings

28 Lakeside Ave, NOI, 190-06xx

Present: Mark Smith, Marlin Falone

Documents:

- 28 Lakeside Ave Notice of Intent; prepared by B&C Associates; dated 10/2/18
- Drawing for Stone Wall at 28 Lakeside Ave; prepared by Mark Smith; dated 10/18/18

The applicant proposes to construct a stone retaining wall along the shoreline of Lake Boon. The bank is currently supported by old planks of wood which are starting to rot. These will be removed and replaced by a stone wall, 3.5 feet high and 100 feet long and approximately 18 inches thick. Fill will be brought in to level the yard behind the wall, which currently slopes downwards. Two sets of granite steps will be built into the wall. A large oak tree which is falling into the lake will be removed.

Erosion control will consist of silt fence. The fabric will be weighted down with crushed stone to prevent dislodging by wave action. The stones will be raked up when the work is finished and used as fill behind the wall.

Emilie Wilder moved to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions, contingent upon receiving a DEP number and addressing any DEP comments. Special condition: work must be done when water level is low with approval by the Conservation Agent. Second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 5-0-0. The Commission gave administrative approval for the tree to be cut immediately, before it falls and tears up the bank.

22 Bonazolli Ave, RDA

Present: Mike Harrington

The applicant proposes to strip loam from an empty lot, half of which is in the Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands abutting the Assabet River. The lot is up a steep slope from the

wetlands and there is a narrow wooded strip along the top. A major sewer line runs under the ground along the back of the property. A line of straw wattles has been placed approximately along the sewer line. The property contains a large detention basin and DPW has an easement around the detention basin and sewer line.

Brandon Parker expressed concern about possible disturbance to the sewer line. Joe Rodrigues said the pipe is too deep to disturb by removing loam. Dave Mercer moved to issue a Negative Determination contingent on DPW approval to work in the ROW. Conditions: work must be at least 4-5 feet from the edge of the drop, on the other side of the existing straw wattles; grade must slope away from detention basin. Second by Emilie Wilder, vote 5-0-0.

Administrative Business

Minutes – Dave Mercer moved to approve the minutes from October 4, 2018. Second by Emilie Wilder, vote 5-0-0.

COC Request – 261 Central Street, 190-0599

Pam Helinek has inspected property, work is in compliance. Emilie Wilder moved to issue the Certificate of Compliance, second by Brandon Parker, vote 5-0-0.

COC Request – 10B Old North Road, 190-0586

No work was done on the property and the OOC is about to expire. Dave Mercer moved to issue the Certificate of Compliance, second by Emilie Wilder, vote 5-0-0.

Discussion – Wheeler Road CR

Pam Helinek has been working with Town Counsel to complete the CR for the Wheeler Road property. The CR is on land owned by Westridge Condominiums and will be held by the Conservation Commission. The draft language is complete but there are some supporting documents missing. The Commission decided to put off voting to approve and accept the CR until the documentation is complete.

Discussion – Snow sign standards

Brandon Parker submitted a draft specification for signs restricting the plowing or dumping of snow. The Commission discussed whether it's useful to have the signs at all, and some details about the size of the signs and lettering. Emilie Wilder said she will create a model to scale. The Commission tabled the discussion until a later meeting, after the model is complete.

Adjournment

Emilie Wilder moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Brandon Parker, vote 5-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.