



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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David Mercer, Vice Chair

Emilie Wilder

Brandon Parker

Jason Weksner

Meeting Minutes January 3, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by chair Paul Byrne

Roll Call: Paul Byrne, David Mercer, Joe Rodrigues, Marianne Iarossi, Brandon Parker, Jason Weksner, Emilie Wilder (arrived 7:03)

Staff: Pam Helinek (Conservation Agent)

Public Hearings

14 Elizabeth Road – continued RDA

The applicant is waiting for final plans from the architect. Paul Byrne moved to continue the hearing to February 7, 2019 at 7:00. Second Marianne Iarossi, vote 6-0-0

49 Forest Ave – ANRAD, 190-0629

Present: David Cowell, Hancock Associates: Xiaofeng Yan, Hudson Light and Power; Helen Probst, 10 Barretts Rd (abutter)

Documents:

- Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation: Forest Avenue Substation; prepared by Hancock Associates; dated December 2018
- Existing Conditions Plan; prepared by Hancock Associates; signed and stamped by Carlos Frias, PLS #41407; dated 12/20/16; scale 1"=20'

The applicant has filed an ANRAD to establish that there are no wetland Resource Areas on the property. David Cowell reported that he found no wetland soils on the property nor hydrologic connections to an off-site wetland, and that the drainage swale that was constructed in the 1970s did not meet the requirements to be classified as an intermittent stream. Emilie Wilder asked where the water was coming from and where it goes to. The water sheet flows down the steep embankment and ends up in the Town storm drains. Brandon Parker expressed concern about erosion from future work ending up in a wetland. Paul Byrne reminded the applicant that if the project impacts a wetland, then the entire project becomes under Conservation Commission jurisdiction. Marianne Iarossi requested that the Commission be notified when the project is submitted to the town so that they can submit comments on drainage and erosion control.

Paul Byrne moved to close the hearing and issue an ORAD. Second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 7-0-0.

Administrative Business

Discussion – Tree cutting, 90 Causeway Street

Present: Robert Carriker

Several commissioners visited the property to see the stump of a large dying tree that had been cut near the stream bank without permission. The property owner would like to remove the stump. The Commission agreed that he could cut it flush to the ground, or grind down to 4 inches below the surface as long as all wood chips and disturbed soil were immediately removed.

Minutes – December 20, 2018

Paul Byrne moved to approve the minutes from December 20, 2018. Second by Marianne Iarossi. Vote 6-0-1.

Adjournment

Paul Byrne moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 7-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.