



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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David Mercer, Chair

Emilie Wilder, Vice Chair

Brandon Parker

Heidi Graf

James Martin

Debbi Edelstein

Paul Osborne

Meeting Minutes June 4, 2020

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Hudson Conservation Commission was conducted via remote participation.

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

Roll Call: David Mercer, Brandon Parker, Emilie Wilder, Heidi Graf, James Martin, Debbi Edelstein, Paul Osborne, Joseph Mullin (Asst Commissioner), Frank Caserta (Asst Commissioner), Brooke Warrington (Assistant Commissioner)

Staff: Pam Helinek (Conservation Agent)

Public Hearings

13 Park Street, RDA

Present: Tasha McNabb

The applicant proposes to construct a raised deck at the back of her house in Outer Riverfront to the Assabet River. The lot is flat and the posts will be dug by hand. Heidi Graf said the project is exempt under the Wetlands Protection Act. James Martin moved to issue a Negative Determination, second by Debbi Edelstein, vote 5-0-2 by roll call:

Yes: David Mercer, Emilie Wilder, Heidi Graf, James Martin, Debbi Edelstein

Abstention: Paul Osborne, Brandon Parker

23 Lakeshore Ave, continued RDA

Present: Roberto da Costa

The Commission had a site visit after the last hearing. They agreed that there would be less disturbance if the soil was removed from the opposite side of the berm than the side originally discussed. Heidi Graf said the work should be permitted with an NOI due to soil and tree disturbance in Riverfront Area. She thinks the alteration should be stabilized to be permanent so that future access to the yard is possible without further disturbance. Emilie Wilder suggested finding an alternate way to do the work with smaller equipment that could be brought in from the front of the house. Brandon Parker expressed concern about installing erosion control and

possibly disturbing soil beyond the property line. David Mercer suggested measuring the property based on the plot map provided by the Town to determine the property boundary.

David Mercer moved to issue a Positive Determination, second by Heidi Graf, vote 6-0-1 by roll call:

Yes: David Mercer, Brandon Parker, Emilie Wilder, Heidi Graf, James Martin, Debbi Edelstein

Abstention: Paul Osborne

MBTA ROW/Central Mass Line Railroad, continued NOI, 190-0647

David Mercer moved to continue the hearing to a Special Meeting on Wednesday June 17, 2020 at 7:00 PM. Second by James Martin, vote 5-0-2 by roll call:

Yes: David Mercer, Brandon Parker, Emilie Wilder, James Martin, Debbi Edelstein

Abstention: Heidi Graf, Paul Osborne

10 Lakeside Ave, NOI, 190-06xx

David Mercer moved to continue the hearing to July 16, 2020 at 7:00PM. Second by Emilie Wilder, vote 6-0-1 by roll call:

Yes: David Mercer, Brandon Parker, Emilie Wilder, Heidi Graf, James Martin, Debbi Edelstein

Abstention: Paul Osborne

2 Chestnut Street, NOI, 190-06xx

Present: David Therrien (consultant)

David Mercer moved to continue the hearing to June 18, 2020 at 7:00 PM, second by Emilie Wilder, vote 6-0-1 by roll call.

Yes: David Mercer, Brandon Parker, Emilie Wilder, Heidi Graf, James Martin, Debbi Edelstein

Abstention: Paul Osborne

Administrative Business

Minutes – David Mercer moved to approve the minutes from May 21, 2020. Second by Heidi Graf, vote 6-0-0 by roll call.

Adjournment

Emilie Wilder moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Brandon Parker, vote 7-0-0 by roll call. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.