



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

78 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749  
(978) 562-2948

*Paul Byrne, Chairman*

*Joseph Rodrigues*

*Marianne Iarossi*

*David Mercer*

*Emilie Schuler*

*Brandon Parker*

*Jason Weksner*

### Meeting Minutes July 6, 2017

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

**Roll Call: Paul Byrne, David Mercer, Joe Rodrigues, Marianne Iarossi, Emilie Schuler, Brandon Parker**

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

#### **Public Hearings**

**17 Pierce Street, RDA**

**Present: Julie DelGizzi**

The applicant proposes to install an above ground pool in the Buffer Zone to an intermittent stream and Bordering Vegetated Wetland. The pool will be about 75 feet from the wetlands. Some regrading will be necessary. Paul Byrne moved to issue a negative determination, second by Emilie Schuler, vote 6-0-0

**21 Lakeside Ave, NOI, 190-06xx**

**Present: David Sadowski**

The applicant proposes to demolish an existing house and associated structures and build a new house, with a septic system in the Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands. The property is down an unpaved paper street and borders on Town Land. The wetland is on public property. A significant amount of trash has been dumped on the property and in the abutting wetlands.

Paul Byrne asked that an erosion control line be added on the downhill side of the property. David Sadowski agreed that would be better but asked for permission to install straw bales and silt fence on Town Land. The Commission granted permission. David Mercer said that straw bales or wattles should be used and not hay bales.

Emilie Schuler asked about cleaning up the trash. The applicant is willing to haul out the trash on both private and public property if DPW will come with a truck to remove it. Pam Helinek will ask DPW.

Emilie Schuler asked if the road would be paved. David Sadowski said the owner would like to pave the driveway but not the road. Emilie expressed concern about dirt from the road washing into the wetlands when it rains. David Sadowski agreed to add a leaching pit for drainage off to the side. Brandon Parker asked about foundation and roof drains. Paul Byrne suggested a pervious drain pipe to allow infiltration for the foundation runoff, and to have the roof drain attach to the foundation drain. David Sadowski agreed to add the pervious drain pipe.

Paul Byrne moved to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions, contingent upon receiving a DEP number with no comments that need resolution, and upon receiving a revised plan that shows the new erosion controls, new drainage systems, and paved driveway. Special conditions will include use of straw (not hay) bales and removal of debris. Second by Emilie Schuler, vote 6-0-0.

### **Administrative Business**

#### **COC Request – St Luke’s Church, 5 Washington St, 190-0575**

Paul Byrne moved to issue the Certificate of Compliance, second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 6-0-0

#### **COC Request – 50 Lakeside Ave, 190-0594**

Paul Byrne moved to issue the Certificate of Compliance, second by Emilie Schuler, vote 6-0-0

#### **Extension Request – Matrix Hudson, 190-0573**

John Rockwood inspected the replication area in the spring and it is doing well. Chris Petersen of Heritage Properties has requested a 6-month extension to complete the 2 year monitoring period. Paul Byrne moved to grant the 6-month extension, second by Emilie Schuler, vote 6-0-0

#### **Discussion – Follow up on drainage issues to Lake Boon**

The Commission reported that a number of catch basins need cleaning around Lake Boon – specifically noted were the one at Temple and Main Streets, the one at the end of West Ave, and the one on Proctor Ave. Joe Rodrigues reported that the grate on the Proctor Ave basin is clogged with wood chips so it is not functioning at all, and that even when not clogged it does not function well. He suggested an extension to the bank of the lake would help prevent silt from washing into the lake. Pam Helinek will speak with DPW.

**Minutes** – Paul Byrne moved to approve the minutes of June 6, 2017. Second by Marianne Iarossi. Vote 6-0-0.

#### **Discussion – 19 Glendale update**

Pam Helinek reported that she did an inspection at 19 Glendale and received a report from wetland scientist Dave Burke and that the restoration is very successful.

#### **Discussion – OARS water chestnut management**

OARS plans to hand pull water chestnuts in the Hudson impoundment of the Assabet River. An initial survey did not show enough plants to need management at this time, but OARS will re-

assess in August. The Commission agreed to grant administrative permission to OARS to do the work.

#### **Discussion – Old North Road update**

Pam Helinek reported that the large sign has been installed and that scouts will be hanging the No Trespassing signs along the boundary. An old well needs to be covered for safety reasons. When these tasks are complete the Commission can officially open the land to the public with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

#### **Discussion – 4 LaFrance Drive, minor change request**

The landscaping work has been completed at 4 LaFrance Drive. The applicant has requested permission to remove a large honeysuckle that is over the limit of work boundary, and replace it with a tree such as a willow. Joe Rodrigues said he was on the site and he thinks there is a violation – a path has been pushed through the vegetation down to the river. Pam Helinek said she did not notice a violation when she inspected the landscaping but will go back to look again. The Commission said to hold off on deciding about the honeysuckle until it is determined whether or not there has been a violation.

#### **Discussion - Wetlands Protection Bylaw**

The Commission agreed that outreach such as neighborhood meetings are difficult to schedule during the summer and should be held in September. Meanwhile they will work on the bylaw wording and consider whether to allow Regulations. Warrant articles for Spring Town Meeting are usually due the first week of February.

#### **Adjournment**

Paul Byrne moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Marianne Iarossi, vote 6-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.