



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Paul Byrne, Chairman

Joseph Rodrigues

Marianne Iarossi

David Mercer

Emilie Schuler

Brandon Parker

Jason Weksner

Meeting Minutes August 18, 2017

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

Roll Call: Paul Byrne, David Mercer, Joe Rodrigues, Brandon Parker, Jason Weksner

Staff: Pam Helinek (Conservation Agent)

Public Hearings

18 Riverview Street, NOI, 190-0606

Present: Bill Buckley, Bay Colony Group

The applicant proposed to replace an existing septic system for a 5-bedroom house with a new, much larger system. The system is too large to fit in the front yard, and because of setbacks must be partially within Riverfront Area to the Assabet River and Buffer Zone to a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. Six large trees will need to be cut to accommodate the system. The area is steeply sloped so the system will be installed in a step configuration.

Joe Rodrigues asked whether the work would interfere with a drain across the street. The Title 5 requirement is 10 feet from drains and the work will be greater than 10 feet away. Brandon Parker asked how often the engineer will be inspecting the site. There will probably be five inspections including the pre-construction inspection. Proposed erosion control is a 12-inch mulch-filled sock. Paul Byrne said due to the steep slope there should be a second line of erosion control. Joe Rodrigues said that silt fence, entrenched 4 inches, should be installed behind the sock. This will be a Special Condition. Paul Byrne moved to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions. Second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 5-0-0.

Administrative Business

COC Requests:

65 Fort Meadow Drive, 190-0597 and 190-0598

2 Fox Road, 190-0581

99 Hunter Ave, 190-0591

Pam Helinek has inspected all of the above sites. Paul Byrne moved to issue Certificates of Compliance for the above four Orders of Condition, second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 5-0-0

Minutes – Paul Byrne moved to accept the minutes of July 6, 2017. Second by David Mercer, vote 5-0-0.

Discussion – Old North Road update

Pam Helinek reported that the new conservation land is officially open to the public and that the Community Preservation Committee approved \$10,000 for removing invasive knotweed and planting a screen of native shrubs between the access trail and the neighboring property.

Discussion – OARS contribution request

OARS has requested a \$2000 contribution from Hudson to support monitoring of the Assabet River. It is too late to include this request in the town budget. The Commission could use its Conservation Fund if it wants to contribute the money. Brandon Parker said he is in favor of supporting OARS' work. Paul Byrne suggested tabling the discussion until after the money from Benderson is approved by the Board of Selectmen. The discussion will be tabled until the next meeting.

Adjournment

Paul Byrne moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 5-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.