



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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*David Mercer, Vice Chair*

*Brandon Parker*

*Jason Weksner*

*Heidi Graf*

### Meeting Minutes November 21, 2019

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

Roll Call: Paul Byrne, David Mercer, Joe Rodrigues, Brandon Parker, Emilie Wilder, Jason Weksner, Heidi Graf, Jimmy Martin (Asst Commissioner), Paul Osborne (Asst Commissioner)

Staff: Pam Helinek (Conservation Agent)

#### **Public Hearings**

##### **168 River Street: Indian Farm Estates, continued NOI, 190-0638**

The project has been redesigned and is no longer in conservation jurisdiction. The applicant has withdrawn the NOI. Paul Byrne moved to close the hearing, second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 7-0-0.

##### **Pheasant Road and Kattail Road: River View Estates, continued NOI, 190-06xx**

The applicant is redesigning the project and has not yet submitted to DEP. The check for \$4000 has been received for peer review so that the wetland delineation can be confirmed before winter. The applicant has requested to continue to the next meeting. Paul Byrne moved to continue the hearing to December 5, 2019 at 7:00PM. Second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 7-0-0.

##### **27 Worcester Ave, continued NOI, 190-0639**

The applicant has requested to continue to January 16, 2020. Paul Byrne moved to continue the hearing to January 16, 2020 at 7:00PM, second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 7-0-0.

##### **5 Ruthellen Road, RDA**

###### **Present: John Carpenter**

Paul Byrne recused himself since he is doing work for the applicant. The applicant proposes to construct an addition to his house in Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland. The addition includes the area of an existing deck and extends further towards the wetland, however the yard slopes upwards and there is a small berm before the drop off to the wetland. The addition will be on a slab. No regrading or tree removal is necessary. Emilie Wilder moved to issue a negative determination, second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 6-0-0.

### **1-3 Worcester Ave, RDA**

#### **Present: David Krongard**

The site is a large property abutting Lake Boon, including the end of Temple Ave (a paper street) and an unnumbered Temple Ave lot. There are two houses on the property, neither with a foundation, and both in floodplain. There are four docks, two in states of disrepair. The applicant proposes to demolish one of the houses and remove the two collapsing docks. Currently the utility lines go from the street to the house which will be demolished, and then to the house that will remain. The applicant proposes to dig and backfill a trench to connect utilities directly to the remaining house. Several large shrubs near the house will be cut and replaced with more attractive vegetation.

Paul Byrne asked if dewatering would be necessary when digging the trench. The applicant is unsure. Brandon Parker suggested a barrier such as a plastic construction safety fence be installed during demolition to help prevent debris from blowing into the lake.

Paul Byrne moved to issue a Negative Determination, second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 7-0-0. Conditions: (1) Safety fence must be installed prior to demolition with inspection by Conservation Agent; (2) If dewatering is necessary when trenching, contact Conservation Agent in advance for approval

### **77 Cherry Street, continued NOI, 190-0635**

#### **Present: Adam Hopkins, Hudson Light & Power; Rene Gagnon, Hancock Associates; Jonathan Moore, Parker Environmental Corporation**

##### **Documents:**

- Letter: Revised Site Plan and Stormwater Report for 77 Cherry Street; prepared by Hancock Associates, dated 11/19/2019
- Letter and report: Focused Subsurface Investigation, 77 Cherry Street, Hudson, MA; prepared by Parker Environmental Corporation, dated 11/15/2019
- Letter: Soil Characterization, Transport, and Disposal: 77 Cherry Street, Hudson, MA; prepared by Parker Environmental Corporation; dated 11/18/19
- Stormwater Report In Support of Permit Site Plan for 77 Cherry Street, Hudson, MA; prepared by Hancock Associates; dated 11/14/19
- Grading and Drainage Plan; prepared by Hancock Associates; revised 11/14/19; signed and stamped by Rene Gagnon; PE#48451; scale 1"=20'

The applicant submitted a revised plan that reduces impervious surface by 300 square feet and flood plain impact by 15 cubic feet by reducing the spill containment area. Based on the results of soil test pits, the subsurface infiltration system has been replaced with a rain garden that will handle runoff from the garage roof. Contaminated materials will no longer be relocated on-site but will be take off-site and disposed of at an appropriate facility.

Paul Byrne asked how water would be drained from the oil tank's concrete containment since there is no roof. . Adam Hopkins said it evaporates, however they have oil-water separators on site if necessary. Brandon Parker asked about a maintenance plan for the raingarden. Rene Gagnon said he will submit one.

Paul Byrne moved to continue the hearing to December 5, 2019 to review the rain garden maintenance plan. Second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 6-0-1.

### **Administrative Business**

**Minutes:** Paul Byrne moved to approve the minutes from November 7, 2019. Second by David Mercer, vote 7-0-0

### **Adjournment**

Paul Byrne moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Emilie Wilder, vote 7-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.