



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Paul Byrne, Chair

Joseph Rodrigues

Emilie Wilder

David Mercer, Vice Chair

Brandon Parker

Jason Weksner

Heidi Graf

Meeting Minutes December 19, 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

4 Lilac Lane, RDA

Present: Paul Carney

Documents:

- Sewer Connection Plan; prepared by Foresite Engineering; dated 12/2/19; scale 1"=20'
- Report: Wetland Delineation 4 Lilac Lane/Hudson; prepared by Caron Environmental Consulting; dated 11/18/19

The applicant proposes to install a sewer line near Bordering Vegetated Wetlands and Isolated Vegetated Wetlands, within a paved drive and an unpaved cart path. It will be a double-walled 4-inch gravity pipe to a forced main. Joe Rodrigues asked the depth of the pipe. It will be a minimum of 2 feet deep. Emilie Wilder asked if dewatering could be necessary. Paul Byrne said that if dewatering would be required, the applicant must contact Pam Helinek with a dewatering plan before any dewatering is done. Heidi Graf asked about stockpiled material. The trench will be backfilled as it is dug so no stockpiling should occur. The Commission discussed erosion control. Joe Rodrigues explained that straw wattles should be installed and staked along the edges of the cart path, and Pam Helinek must inspect before work begins. Emilie Wilder moved to close the hearing and issue a Negative Determination, second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 7-0-0. Conditions: Agent must approve dewatering plan if dewatering is necessary, Agent must inspect and approve erosion control before work begins.

Administrative Business

Minutes: Paul Byrne moved to approve the minutes from December 5, 2019. Second by Emilie Wilder, vote 7-0-0

Discussion – Eversource Filing

Eversource plans to file on January 2, 2020 for the January 16, 2020 meeting. The Commission discussed a site visit before the hearing. A site visit will be scheduled for Commission members in the morning of Saturday, January 11, 2020.

Historic District Commission vacancy – There is a vacancy on the Historic District Commission that is open to Planning Board or Conservation Commission. Pam Helinek will find out more about the position and anyone interested should let her know.

Conservation Commission applicants

Present: Frank Caserta Jr.

The applicant introduced himself to the Commission and answered questions.

Submitted: Debra Edelstein

The applicant had a conflict and could not attend the meeting, but submitted a resume. Emilie Wilder has worked with the applicant and represented her at the meeting.

Retirement of Paul Byrne and Joe Rodrigues

The Commission thanked Paul Byrne and Joe Rodrigues for their many years of service.

Conservation Commission vacancies

The Commission discussed the qualifications of the applicants. Emilie Wilder moved to recommend to the Selectmen to appoint Jimmy Martin and Debbi Edelstein as Commissioners and Joe Mullin and Frank Caserta as Associate Commissioners. Second by Dave Mercer, vote 7-0-0.

Adjournment

Paul Byrne moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 7-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.