



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Meeting Minutes August 15, 2019

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

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

Staff: Pam Helinek (Conservation Agent)

Public Hearings

Houghton Court, RDA

Present: Alex Freeman, Manzo Freeman Development

The applicant proposes to repair a damaged area of parking lot which is in Riverfront Area and floodplain to the Assabet River. The project was originally permitted by OOC 190-0541 and required a number of flood control features including a bioswale, rain garden and bioretention cells which are no longer functioning. The rain garden has been partially paved over by a previous owner. The applicant has agreed to restore the flood control features to bring the property into compliance with the original OOC and hopefully reduce flooding of the parking lot.

Paul Byrne moved to issue a Negative Determination with the condition that the applicant submit a plan for restoring the flood control features to be approved by the Commission. Once the plan is approved the Commission will determine if the work can be administratively approved or requires an Enforcement Order. Second by Emilie Wilder, vote 6-0-0.

77 Cherry Street, continued NOI, 190-0635

The applicant has requested continuing the hearing to September 19, 2019. Paul Byrne moved to continue the hearing to September 19 at 7:00. Second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 6-0-0.

Administrative Business

Minutes: Paul Byrne moved to approve the minutes from July 21, 2019. Second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 6-0-0

Minor Plan Change – 200 Cox Street, 190-0615

Present: Patrick Manzo; Patrick Burke, WDA Design Group

Documents:

- Stormwater Wetland Plan, Manzo Way, Hudson MA; prepared by WDA Design Group; dated 8/9/19; scale 1"=40'

The approved plans included a stormwater detention basin surrounded by a rain garden. However when construction began it was determined that the ground water was too high to implement the original design. The applicant is proposing to replace the rain garden with constructed stormwater wetlands, planted with cattails and wetland seed mix. Brandon Parker asked if the maintenance plan would also need to be changed. Paul Byrne moved to accept the new plan as a Minor Plan Change, with the condition that a new maintenance plan is submitted. Second by Marianne Iarossi, vote 6-0-0.

Discussion – Bigelow Street Extension Subdivision

Present: Kathy Adams; Eric Vangsness, WDA Design Group; Patrick Burke, WDA Design Group

Documents:

- Preliminary Plan: Bigelow Street Extension; prepared by WDA Design Group; dated June 7, 2019
- Schematic Subsurface Infiltration Exhibit; prepared by WDA Design Group, dated 8/2/19, scale 1"=40'

The applicant has requested a preliminary meeting with the Conservation Commission to discuss an upcoming proposed subdivision that will include a road in Hudson and Berlin, leading to a single commercial lot in Berlin. The parcel through Hudson runs between property of the Entwistle Company and Route 495. Between Route 495 and the proposed roadway is an intermittent stream and wetland. The parcel is narrow and the road, proposed to be 26' in width due to subdivision requirements in Berlin, is within 8 feet of the wetland.

The applicant plans to ask Berlin to relax the 26' requirement and allow a 24' road. Eric Vangsness discussed stormwater treatment. Brandon Parker asked if a lot line adjustment with Entwistle had been explored. Kathy Adams said that there was federally installed apparatus on the property that would cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to move. The Commission expressed concern about the work in Berlin, and how it would impact the Hudson wetlands. Pam Helinek will speak with the Berlin commission about coordination of the project areas in the two towns.

Discussion – Wheeler Road Conservation Restriction

Town Counsel has advised the commission not to accept the offered parcel of land under conservation restriction on Wheeler Road. Paul Byrne moved to decline the offer based on this advice. Second by David Mercer, vote 5-0-1. Pam Helinek will inform Lloyd Geisinger of the decision.

Update - 35 Zina Road, 190-0633, Appeal

Pam Helinek, Paul Byrne, Joe Rodrigues, and Emilie Wilder attended the site visit scheduled by DEP. There has been a follow up report by the applicant addressing some questions that came

up on the site visit. DEP has 90 days to make a decision and issue a Superseding Order of Conditions.

Adjournment

Emilie Wilder moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Brandon Parker, vote 6-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.