

**Town of Bellingham  
Conservation Commission  
North Community Building  
Bellingham, MA 02019  
Minutes of the meeting of April 8, 2009**

**Project: 105-644**  
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**Project Description:**  
Countryside Road, (Bellwood & Brookside Condo)

**Applicant:**  
Chuck Richards, Bellwood Condos  
ACMC 40 Mechanic St., Ste 301  
Foxboro, Ma

**Representative:**  
Mike Dean, Guerriere & Halnon  
333 West St.  
Milford, MA

**Hearing time: 8:00 PM**

Cliff Matthews opened the continued hearing. Chuck Richards of the condo association and Mike Dean of Guerriere & Halnon, Inc. were present. Cliff Matthews stated that the Conservation Commission, the applicant and the applicant's wetlands professional had walked the site on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> to review the delineated wetlands including review of soils, vegetation and hydrology. He stated that the delineated wetlands on the site to the south of Countryside Road were accepted without change. An area to the north of Countryside Road between wetland flags #412 and 422 was changed in the field by connecting flags 412 to 422 that included a finger of wetlands previously not included. That area had a previous violation. The soil samples taken at this location were comprised of approx. 12 inches of silt under which were hydric soils. Mike Dean submitted revised plans dated April 6, 2009 reflecting the change. Cliff Matthews then stated that one of the detention basins on the site is severely eroded, that the lower discharge pipe is blocked and the forebay is overgrown and is therefore in immediate need of maintenance. He also said that one of the basins on the site may be a vernal pool. Mike Dean will investigate and advise Chuck Richards and the condo assoc. as to how to proceed with the repair and maintenance of the structures without disturbing any habitat. Mr. Richards said that the condo assoc. was not aware of the requirement to maintain the drainage structures on the site, but that he will proceed with the maintenance as soon as possible. There were no other comments. Motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to close the hearing and issue the ORAD. The ORAD should be sent to Mike Dean.

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**Project: 105-648**  
NOI

**Project Description:**  
59 Box Pond Drive – septic repair

**Applicant:**  
Brian Cook  
67 Chestnut St.  
Bellingham, MA

**Representative:**  
Colonial Engineering, Inc.  
Paul DeSimone, 11 Awl Street  
Medway, MA

**Hearing Time: 7:50 PM**

Brian Cook and Paul DeSimone were present when the hearing was opened. Cliff Matthews stated that the Notice of Intent is filed for the repair of an existing septic system. The Commission had previously requested revised plans that showed elevations in geostatic data in order to confirm the flood plain elevation on the site. The revised plans that Paul DeSimone submitted to the Commission prior to the meeting depicted the flood plain at elevation 224. The proposed septic repair does not impact the flood plain. Also included on the revised plans are the locations of wells that require waivers from the Board of Health. Paul DeSimone stated that no grading is necessary for this proposed repair and that haybales or erosion control will be utilized as required by the Order of Conditions. He also stated that the project includes a 40 mil barrier on either side of the proposed leach field. The original board of Health approved plan required five local waivers. The revised plans now require an additional waiver from the Board of Health for set back from the house from 20 feet to 1-1/2 feet. The applicant has submitted the revised plans to the Board of Health for approval of that last waiver. The existing 600 gallon septic tank is located within close proximity to the newly proposed 1500 gallon tank and is also located about two feet from the dwelling. Paul DeSimone stated that

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the existing tank must be pumped and excavated. Brian Cook asked if the Commission would grant him approval to remove the large amount of debris in the back yard and then grass that area for a yard. The Commission and the applicant agreed to an area approximately 25 feet from the back of the house for a small yard. George Holmes will visit the site with Brian Cook next Tuesday to confirm clean up and creation of a yard to elevation 227 on the revised plans. Mr. Cook said that he would not remove any of the existing trees in the back yard and proposed removal of all the debris by hand. Because the Board of Health must now review the revised plans, the Commission voted to continue the hearing until 7:30 PM on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. If the plans are accepted by the Board of Health, the Commission would close the hearing on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and sign the prepared Order of Conditions.

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**Project: 105-**  
NOI

**Project Description:**  
16 Stone Street – septic repair

**Applicant:**  
Jean McGill-Rockwell  
16 Stone Street  
Bellingham, MA

**Representative**  
Colonial Engineering, Inc.  
Paul DeSimone, 11 Awl Street  
Medway, MA

**Heating time: 8:20 PM**

Mr. & Mrs. Rockwell and Paul DeSimone were present when Cliff Matthews opened the hearing for the repair of a septic system located on Stone Street. Paul DeSimone stated that the existing tank is to be removed and replaced with a new system that includes a pump chamber and new leach field. The closest point to the BVW is 54.2 feet. The Commission reviewed the data sheets submitted with the NOI. The new leach field will be mounded to three feet and the existing pine trees will be left intact. The new monolithic tank will be placed in groundwater. Paul stated that the inlet and the outlet to the tank are designed to be located out of groundwater. By unanimous vote, the hearing was continued to April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:45. The permit will be prepared for signing at the continued hearing.

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George Holmes reported that he had looked at the 1025 S. Main Street site to determine if required replication (under a previous Enforcement Order) was feasible. George presented pictures showing a number of trees in the proposed area of replication but believed that the work could still be performed without impacting the existing trees. He will contact the applicant.

Neal Standley reported that he had received a cost of approx. \$600,000/mile for trail construction. This amount included bridges, culverts, retaining walls, crossings and fences. Barry Lariviere will contact PARE Eng. for their opinion of a reasonable cost and will report to the Bellingham Bikeway Committee later this month.

The minutes of March 11, 2009 and March 25, 2009 were accepted.

Cliff Matthews gave a brief summary of the on-going requests of the Commission to W/S Development to submit portions of their Wildlife Habitat Evaluation for The Shoppes. The Board consensus was to proceed with the draft letter to ERM requesting this information.

The Commission is in receipt of a copy of the Planning Board letter to W/S Development stating that the Planning Board will continue to retain their own peer reviewed for The Shoppes project.

The CRWA Annual Earth Day Clean Up is scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> from 9 – noon.

Attending the meeting were: Cliff Matthews, Barry Lariviere, Neal Standley, Lori Fafard, Anne Matthews and Administrator George Holmes. Prospective new member, Brian Norton, was also in attendance.

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