

**Town of Bellingham
Conservation Commission
North Community Building
Bellingham, MA 02019
Minutes of the meeting of June 10, 2009**

Project: 105-615
CNOI

Project Description:
Hartford Avenue / Shoppes at Bellingham Phase I
14 building, parking areas, stormwater & wastewater mgt., & new
access road off North Main Street

Applicant:
Robert Frazier
W/S Development
1330 Boylston St.
Chestnut Hill, MA 02467

Representative:
ERM / Ann McMenemy
399 Boylston St.
Boston, MA 02116

Continuation time: 7:30 PM

Cliff Matthews opened the continued hearing and stated that the applicant has requested another continuation to the second meeting in June (24th). The applicant has stated that they will be out of town on June 10th. The Annual Town Meeting has been continued to June 24th and therefore the Commission may not hold our regularly scheduled June 24th meeting. By unanimous vote, the hearing was continued to July 8 at 8:00 PM.

Project:
RDA

Project Description:
37 Apache Road – fill in a portion of the back yard and
Plant Blueberry bushes

Applicant:
Gordon & Deborah Clark
37 Apache Road
Bellingham, MA 02019

Representative:

Meeting Time: 7:35 PM

Deborah Clark was present when Cliff Matthews opened the meeting. The Commission then discussed the incidents that led to the filing of the RDA. In late April, the Commission was notified that the applicant was in the process of filling in an area of buffer zone that was in very close proximity to the bordering vegetated wetlands in the rear of their yard. Mrs. Clark stated that she and her husband had discussed the proposed work with George Holmes previously. She said that she and her husband wanted to plant some large bushes along the side of their yard to create more privacy. Anne Matthews had been out on the site at that time and allowed the Clarks to fill in an area in the buffer zone to level off their yard and asked them to remove all stored materials (wood piles, etc) from the BVW. At that time, the Clarks agreed to file the RDA to permit the activities. Mrs. Clark stated that the large bushes have not been planted due to the delay in the filing process. Board members reviewed pictures that Mrs. Clark presented. Cliff Matthews then stated that no further work, filling, etc. may take place at the toe of the filled grade bordering the BVW and that the BVW would remain a No Activity Zone. Mrs. Clark stated that she and her husband would comply with the conditions of the permit. By unanimous vote, the meeting was closed. The Board issued a Negative Determinations with the two above referenced conditions and thanked Mrs. Clark for her cooperation.

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Project:
RDA

Project Description:
4 Farm Street – deck and sunroom

Applicant:
Timothy Stearns
4 Farm Street
Bellingham, MA

Representative:

Meeting time: 7:55 PM

Mr. Stearns was present when Cliff Matthews opened the meeting. Tim Stearns stated that he has removed three old rotting decks on his house and would like to connect the three around the sides and back of his house adding a sunroom. He said that concrete flooring would only be required under the deck at the back of the house so that he may store his lawnmower and other small equipment. Sonotubes would be utilized for support of the remainder of the deck/sunroom addition. Mr. Stearns stated that after the construction of the deck/sunroom addition, he would like to place top soil in a portion of his yard, to the right of the house and driveway, to level off and grass. Mr. Stearns agreed to contact George Holmes when he has completed the construction of the addition so that George may give his guidance as to how to proceed. By unanimous vote, the meeting was closed. A Negative Determination was issued with the conditions that 1) storage of all construction material shall be in the existing driveway and 2) once the work is complete, Mr. Stearns will contact George as to how to proceed with the next portion of his project – the completion of his lawn.

Informational/ 252 Lake Street/ Marcia & Sel Eren

Mr. & Mrs. Eren stated that they had talked with George Holmes about the possibility of acquiring a 25 year old quarter horse that would be housed in a one stall barn with a small paddock on the street side of their property located at 252 Lake Street. Cliff Matthews said that although their property consists of approximately twelve acres, much of it consists of a large area of BVW and the Riverfront to the Peters River. Mr. Matthews explained that the Commission has the responsibility to protect water quality in areas that are protected under the Wetlands Protection Act. He explained that the waste generated from a horse may create a nutrient problem for the existing pond on their property or for the on-site resource areas. The Erens explained that they had planned to construct the small barn near the cleared area at Lake Street. Members of the Commission were concerned with the disposal of the horse manure. Cliff then explained the nine interests of the Wetlands Protection Act and the Commission's responsibility of effectively administering those interests. Mrs. Eren then stated that she would investigate the possibility of contracting to have the waste removed from the site. Board members agreed that a site walk was in order and scheduled one for Saturday, June 13th at 7:30 AM. Attending site walk members will make a recommendation to the Board regarding this proposal.

The minutes of the meeting of May 13, 2009 were accepted.

The Commission signed:

Determination of Applicability	37 Apache Road/Clarks/ Negative with Conditions 4 Farm Street/Stearns/ deck & sunroom/Negative with Conditions
Certificates of Compliance	105-492/ 31 Barrett Lane/ septic repair 105-466/ Lot 35, 10 Whitehall Way/ sfd /Toll Bros. 105-648/ 59 Box Pond Drive/septic repair/Cook

Vacations schedules were submitted so that quorums would be met at scheduled meetings.

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The Oak Terrace cleanup efforts were discussed. We will discuss the installation of "No Dumping" signs with the DPW as there continues to be some additional yard waste dumped beyond the Jersey barriers.

The Commission received a copy of a letter from EOEA written to PCG Assoc. regarding outstanding and additional items and issues that need correcting in the submitted Draft Open Space Plan.

Silver Lake & Jenks Reservoir were treated for nuisance aquatic vegetation on Tuesday, June 9th. The Lake Hiawatha Assoc. has notified us of the treatment at Lake Hiawatha scheduled for Wed. June 17th.

The Charles River Watershed Assoc. has written a letter re: the LIG proposal on Maple & High Streets in response to the SEIR.

Due to a conflict with the continued Annual Town Meeting, the Board voted to cancel our meeting of June 24th. A letter will be sent to the Town Clerk's Office.

Conservation Commissioner Jim Hentz arrived at 7:30PM to announce his resignation from the Commission due to his recent move to Upton.

Denis Fraine recently informed the Commission that abutters to Silver Lake Park want the town to install an entrance to Silver Lake Park on Blackmar Street. Prior to the construction of the proposed playground, the perimeter fence to Silver Lake Park was repaired and replaced in order to create a more secure location to the newly proposed playground. Silver Lake Park was closed the entire 2008 season due to construction of the playground. A site walk was scheduled for Saturday, June 13th. The Commission will report back to Denis Fraine on our findings. Lori Fafard stated that Ken Nicholson, a resident on Cross St. and landscaper by trade, would like to donate his services to Silver Lake Park. We'll advise George Holmes and Denis Fraine.

Attending the meeting were: Cliff Matthews, Barry Lariviere, Neal Standley, Brian Norton, Lori Fafard, and Anne Matthews.
