

**Town of Bellingham
Conservation Commission
Municipal Center
Bellingham, MA 02019
Minutes of the meeting of May 8, 2013**

Project:
Informational

Project Description:
Bylaw Regulations consultation

Applicant:

Representative:
Lenore White, Wetland Strategies, Inc.

Time: 7:30 PM

Lenore White of Wetland Strategies, Inc., met with the Conservation Commission on an informational basis to discuss her recent review of the wetland bylaw, regulations and other bylaw filing requirements pursuant to the contract agreement between the Conservation Commission and Wetland Strategies. Ms. White presented a summary of her review dated May 6, 2013. In her summary, Ms. White included comments and suggestions for clarification, suggested changes and improved efficacy. Ms. White presented her findings and suggested changes within the one hour session with the Commission. Members of the Commission requested that Ms. White submit a revised contract that would include additional services to complete the review for the Conservation Commission.

**Project: 105-712 & BWP-40
CNOI**

Project Description:
Chapter 40B project "Taft Estates"
Two cul de sacs, 20 single family dwellings,
Stormwater management, open space

Applicant:
Tim Jones
PO Box 934
Wrentham, MA

Representative:
Wm. Halsing, Land Planning Inc.
167 Hartford Avenue
Bellingham, MA

Plans: 40b Comprehensive Permit Project Definitive Subdivision, Taft Estates, Sheets 1 – 8, dated Aug. 4, 2012 Revised March 20, 2013; Sedimentation and Erosion Control Plan (One Sheet) dated Aug. 4, 2012, Revised March 20, 2013; Taft Estates Stormwater Report Revised March 20, 2013

Continuation time: 8:30 PM

Tim Jones was present when Cliff Matthews opened the continued hearing. Tim stated that he attended the Zoning Board Meeting the past Thursday in which the draft Chapter 40B project permit was discussed in detail. He stated that Don DiMartino had recently completed his review of the plans after the ZBA hearing was closed and had approximately 20 items that he believed needed to be revised on the plans, mostly related to construction. Tim stated that Don requested that the fencing around the infiltration basin be modified from a split rail fence to a four foot high chain link fence. Tim also agreed to fund \$6,000 to the stormwater maintenance annuity. Because the revisions would include changes to the Plan of Record, Tim Jones agreed to another continuation. Barry Lariviere made a motion to continue the hearing to 7:20 PM on June 12th and to have the Order of Conditions prepared for signing that evening. Neal Standley seconded the motion which carried unanimously in favor.

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Project: 105-582
Amendment Request

Project Description:
445 Hartford Avenue –septic system repair

Applicant:
Scoops Realty LLC
445 Hartford Ave.
Bellingham, MA

Representative:
Scott Smyers, OxBow Associates
PO Box 971
Acton, MA

**Plans: Septic System Replacement, 445 Hartford Ave., Bellingham, dated October 27, 2009,
Revised April 4, 2013**

Continuation time: 8:45 PM

Joseph Butler and Mike Fabiano were present when the continued hearing was opened by Cliff Matthews. Cliff stated that the Conservation Commission is in receipt of the Board of Health approved plans including all local upgrade waivers for the septic system upgrade and plan dated April 4, 2013. The Special Conditions in the Order of Conditions include live loading of contaminated excavated soils, implementation of the restoration area and erosion control measures. Mr. Fabiano and Mr. Butler were notified that the Amended Order of Conditions has an expiration date of October 25, 2013. They stated that the repair of the system would take place once Scoops is closed for the season in September of this year. The Commission had no further comments or questions on the project. Barry Lariviere made a motion to close the hearing and issue the Order of Conditions. The motion was seconded by Neal Standley and carried unanimously.

Project: 105-716 & BWP-44
CNOI

Project Description:
289 Lake Street – sfd

Applicant:
Raymond Wheeler
210 Pine Swamp Road
Cumberland, RI

Representative:
Bill Halsing, Land Planning Inc.
167 Hartford Avenue
Bellingham, MA

Plans: Site Plan located at 289 Lake Street dated March 28, 2013

Continuation time: 9:00 PM

Mr. & Mrs. Wheeler were present when the continued hearing was opened. Cliff Matthews stated that members of the Commission had visited the site Saturday, April 27th to confirm the resource area boundary. Cliff stated that there were no changes made to the delineated wetland boundary, however, Mr. & Mrs. Wheeler agreed to preserve a large oak tree and a large white pine tree in the proposed area of clearing. Special Conditions will include preservation of these two trees as well as no activity taking place in the fifty foot No Disturb Zone. Barry Lariviere made a motion to close the hearing and issue and Order of Conditions. The motion was seconded by Neal Standley and voted unanimously.

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Project: BWP-25
RDA

Project Description:
82 Douglas Drive – install grinder in sewer pump station

Applicant:
Don DiMartino, DPW Director
26 Blackstone Street, Bellingham, Ma

Representative:

Meeting Time: 9:15 PM

Cliff Matthews opened the Request for Determination of Applicability meeting. Don DiMartino was present. Mr. DiMartino stated that the filing is for the installation of a sewer grinder in the pump station at Douglas Drive. The proposed work is located in a previously altered grassy area of a buffer zone to bordering vegetated wetlands. The project would include removing a 48 inch diameter concrete slab, installing the grinder 2-1/2 inches deep, and replacing the concrete slab. He stated that all the work would take place in the existing footprint and that all excavated material would be live loaded. Erosion control will be installed. The work would take approximately two days to complete. The plans were reviewed by the Commission. There were no further comments. Barry Lariviere made a motion to close the meeting and issue a Negative Determination. The motion was seconded by Neal Standley and voted unanimously.

Informational/ Moody & Paine Street basin repair

Don DiMartino stated that information on the grade elevation for the repair work at the Paine Street/Moody Street basin has been submitted by the contractor. The contract currently states that silt and fines in the basin resulting from construction must be removed and the bottom grade in the basin must be raised to provide maximum infiltration. The current contract states that the basin bottom be raised to elevation 54.5 meters, however, the recently confirmed seasonal high groundwater elevation would create eight inches of standing water in the basin if the basin bottom were to be raised to that elevation. He stated that if the Commission agreed that no water should be in the basin in order that that full infiltration could take place, he would instruct the contractor to raise the bottom of the basin to elevation 54.7 as opposed to 54.5. The Commission agreed that in order for the infiltration basin to work correctly, the bottom elevation must be raised to 54.7. Don DiMartino agreed to change to work order with the contractor so that the basin would infiltrate as designed. Barry Lariviere made a motion to raise the bottom elevation of the basin to 54.7 meters. Neal Standley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The minutes of the meetings of April 24th were accepted.

Cliff Matthews stated that Bellingham Realty #2 has intentions of re-filing the Notice of Intent with the Conservation Commission for the Silver lake sewer line project. The applicant had appealed the Commission's denial of the project, DEP upheld the denial and the applicant filed for adjudication. The adjudication process is in "stay" situation until the appeal of the local bylaw is resolved.

Members of the Commission received copies of Conservation Commission's letter to the Planning Board regarding The Shores at Silver Lake.

Regulatory reform summary is available to Conservation Commissions.

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The Commission signed:

Orders of Conditions:	105-716 & BWP-44/289 Lake St/Wheeler/sfd
Amendment to OoC	105-582/445 Hartford Avenue/Scoops/ septic repair/Fabiano & Butler
Det. of Applicability	BWP-45/82 Douglas Drive/Grinder at pump station/DPW
Cert. of Compliance	105-450/Bellingham Estates/Toll Bros/reissued with Special Conditions relating to letter agreement & removal of letter agreement as a reference

Vacation time and meeting conflict dates were discussed for summer meeting schedules.

Attending the meeting were: Cliff Matthews, Barry Lariviere, Neal Standley, Michael O'Herron, Lori Fafard, Brian Norton, Anne Matthews and Administrator George Holmes.