

**Town of Bellingham
Conservation Commission
Municipal Center
Bellingham, MA 02019
Minutes of the meeting of February 12, 2014**

Project: BWP-62
RDA

Project Description:
35 Lizotte Drive - fence

Applicant:
Natalie Holmes
35 Lizotte Drive
Bellingham, MA 02019

Representative:

Plans: RDA & Proposed Site Plan, Feb. 1994; Plot Plan dated 12/10/2013; Fence Proposal, Mr. Fence dated 11/09/2013

Meeting time: 7:30 PM

Natalie Holmes was present when Barry Lariviere opened the meeting. Ms. Holmes stated that she would like to construct a four foot high chain link fence around the perimeter of her yard. She stated that there are wetlands on the right side of her house and there is flood plain compensation area in the back yard in the gas easement that was created when the house was built in the late 1990's. She stated that the gas company has been to the site to approve the location of the fence on their easement and to provide locations for two 16 foot gates for access to their easement. Special Conditions would include a disclaimer of liability to the Conservation Commission for work performed on the utility easement and that animal waste and yard waste may not be placed in the resource areas including the wetland next to the house. Neal Standley made a motion to close the meeting and to issue a Negative Determination with conditions. Motion was seconded by Michael O'Herron and voted unanimously.

Project: 105-636
Amendment Request

Project Description:
23 Fox Run Road – sdf

Applicant:
Jacqueline Lees
28 Lord Rd. Ste 205
Marlborough, MA

Representative:
Peter Lavoie
Landmark Site Design
1267 Glebe St., Taunton, MA

Plans: Amendment Request letter; "Resource Area Plan" dated Jan. 25, 2014

Hearing time: 8:00 PM

Peter Lavoie, Jacqueline and an associate were present when Barry Lariviere opened the Amendment Request. Mr. Lavoie stated that the single family two bedroom dwelling was approved in 2008 under Order of Conditions #105-636. He stated that the applicant now wishes to make some modifications to the site development. Peter stated that the breezeway has been removed and the location of the garage adjusted. The house size has also been reduced, the driveway moved, the septic system has modifications that include relocation of the septic tank, D Box and vent. Mr. Lavoie stated that the vegetative area and rain garden remain the same as previously approved. Peter will add the rain garden notes to the plan as requested by the Commission. Peter also noted that modifications to the retaining wall include a two foot high Versalok wall rather than a reinforced wall. The area abutting the wall now includes a three foot wide swale to direct water to run off towards the rear of the site. The retaining wall and concrete stairs at the back of the property have been removed as well. Peter Lavoie stated that he spoke with Michael Catalano of the Board of Health who stated that the changes must be approved by the BOH. Mr. Catalano also requested a copy of the deed restriction for the two bedroom dwelling. Barry Lariviere entertained a motion to continue the hearing to March 12th at 7:30 PM. Motion was seconded by Neal Standley and carried unanimously.

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The minutes of the meeting of January 22, 2014 were accepted with some small revisions.

The Commission also signed a Certificate of Compliance for 105-542/146 Maple St/garage. A site Walk must be conducted before the document is released to confirm that no work ever commenced on the site.

Commissioners were encouraged to attend the Mass. Assoc. of Conservation Commissions Annual Conference scheduled for March 1st.

The Charles River Assoc. has scheduled an Earth Day Clean Up for Sat., April 26th 9-12.

Neal Standley reported that he attended an informational session the previous evening on MassDOT's proposal to replace the South Main Street bridge. Work proposed would include not only the bridge replacement but also stormwater management improvements. At that meeting, Mass DOT stated that they are exempt from filing under the Wetlands Protection Act. The Conservation Commission is very concerned that their proposal to replace the 24 inch pipe with a 36 inch pipe would create flooding downstream. The area has experienced historical flooding before the existing pipe was blocked.

The Conservation Commission reviewed the Natural Resource Services billing recap provided with their January invoice.

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