

**Town of Bellingham
Conservation Commission
Municipal Center
Bellingham, MA 02019
Minutes of the meeting of July 23, 2014**

Project: 105-738 & BWP-80
NOI

Project Description:
832 South Main St. – septic repair

Applicant:
Alfred Desper
832 South Main St.
Bellingham, MA

Representative:
Margaret Bacon/ Civil Site Engineering LLC
128 W. Hartford Avenue
Uxbridge, MA

Plans: NOI & Sewage Disposal System for Alfred Desper, June 16, 2014, REV July 7, 2014

Continuation time: 7:30 PM

Helen & Alfred Desper (applicants), Diane Nordberg abutter as well as Margaret Bacon and Michael Yerka (reps) were present when Cliff Matthews opened the hearing. Ms. Bacon stated that she would send along copies of the revised plans and a copy of the plan in pdf format to the Conservation Commission office. Mr. Yerka stated that the filing is for the repair of an existing septic system with a new Title V system. The existing tank (which is under a concrete slab) will continue to be utilized and another tank would be added to the system to enlarge the capacity. Straw wattles, staked 4-5' on center, are proposed as erosion control. Mr. Yerka stated that the plan has been approved by the Board of Health with a local upgrade of 3 feet of separation to groundwater vs. 4 feet. The design includes tying into the existing four inch pipe to the D Box and then into the tanks as the pipe from the new tank to the new leach field passes through the old leach field. Excavated soils will be live loaded and removed from the site. Anne Matthews added that the resource area boundary was confirmed in the field by our consultant and there were no changes suggested. Mr. Yerka stated that a revision was made to the plan to incorporate more access points for inspection in the leaching field. He will provide the Commission with three copies of the revisions. Margaret Bacon stated that the Order of Conditions should be sent to Civil Site Engineering. Motion was made to close the hearing and issue the order of Conditions, seconded and the motion carried.

Project: 105-739 & BWP-81
NOI

Project Description:
Harpin Street – replacement of water line

Applicant:
Don DiMartino, DPW
26 Blackstone Street
Bellingham, MA

Representative:
Autumn Vaughan, Haley & Ward
63 Great Road
Maynard, MA

Plans: Harpin St & Highland Rd Water Main Replacement.Dwg 2, Feb. 2014;Harpin St.& Highland Rd Water Main Details, Dwg 3, Feb. 2014; Sec -2140 Dewatering Report 11/5/2013, Section 02140 Dewatering
Hearing time: 8:00 PM

Scott Miller and Autumn Vaughan of Hale & Ward were present when the hearing was opened. Mr. Miller stated that the project is located at Harpin Street and consists of the replacement of approximately 800 feet of water line with new ductile iron pipe. The existing section of water line is in need of repair because it continues to break in various areas. He stated that the wetland system runs adjacent to South Main Street. The work will take place in the existing roadway but is within 25 feet of the resource area boundary. Erosion control consisting of staked haybales is proposed. Trenching for the water main will take place at the edge of the 25 foot NDZ and the new water main will be installed very close to the existing trench. A Waiver Request was submitted for work in the 25 ' NDZ. He stated that a dewatering plan has also been included in the filing in the event that dewatering is required to take place at the culvert under the street. The area has high groundwater. Mr. Miller stated that the project should take about three days

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to complete. Don DiMartino hopes to have the project included in the bidding process this summer so that the construction can take place this autumn. Some of the Special Conditions that would be included in the permit include; monitoring reports, environmental monitor on site during construction and to oversee erosion control and dewatering (if required). Barry Lariviere made a motion to close the hearing and issue the Order of Conditions. The motion was seconded by Lori Fafard and carried unanimously.

The Commission signed:

Order of Conditions 105-738 & BWP-80/ 832 S. Main St/Desper
 105-739 & BWP-81/ Harpin St/ water line replacement/DPW

105-615/Hartford Avenue/The Shoppes

Cliff Matthews asked members of the commission to set up a site walk to investigate a beaver dam complaint at Whitehall Way. Barry Lariviere and Neal Standley said that they would check it out.

The minutes of June 4th and June 11th were approved.

Mr. Matthews read an email from Austin Turner of Bohler Eng. dated July 23rd regarding the applicant's verbal agreement to extend the time period for the Commission to issue the Order of Conditions for the Shoppes project at Hartford Avenue and asking for feedback in advance of its issuance. This email was timely as Mr. Matthews had just met with Town Counsel and the Commission has yet to take a vote relative to the ultimate disposition of the permit. In the meeting with Jay Talerma, Cliff brought the ANRAD Plan, the revised Alternatives Analysis Plan and the Plans of Record. The original Alternatives Analysis specified 4,300 sf of resource area alterations. That plan, however included the alterations for a proposed Interchange realignment. The revised access plans continued to show the 4,300 sf alteration, but just considering the applicant's alternative using the 100 scale plan, it was calculated to be somewhere less than 1,000 sf. W/S has still not addressed moving the access road to coincide directly with the existing cart path. Measurements in the field showed a 44-45 foot upland area between the two resource areas. Cliff and Jay discussed the requirements of 10:53 (C) (3) Limited Projects. Although the project was not filed as a limited project, wetland alterations occur and only one source of access is proposed. The Commission then had discussions and spent time locating specifically where it is the duty of the applicant to avoid, minimize and mitigate any impacts. The Commission's consensus appeared to be that one source of access with resource area alterations when an alternative with no alterations exists, is inconsistent with the WPA. On a motion by Michael O'Herron and a second by Neal Standley with no discussion, the Commission voted unanimously to issue an Order of Conditions denying the project without prejudice. There was once abstention by Lori Fafard.

Cliff Matthews stated that Arthur Allen of EcoTech sent an email dated 7/21/2014 stating that the Marinella's project "Elmshade" has been put on hold according to Mr. Marinella. The hearing for this project was continued again to August 27th, however, the applicant was notified that abutters had to be re-notified and the hearing re-advertised due to the fact that although the hearing was opened on April 23, 2014 and continued to June 11, 2014, no presentations have taken place and no information has been presented to the Conservation Commission.

Cliff Matthews stated that, during review of a building permit for a fence at 16 Sidney Lane, he noticed that the owner has a shed located on town property. The applicant, Rebecca Kovach, was informed that she had to file a Request for Determination for the fence and was also told that she would have to remove her shed from the town's property. The meeting with Ms. Kovach is scheduled for August 13th.

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