

Town of Bellingham
Conservation Commission
Municipal Center
Bellingham, MA 02019
Minutes of the meeting of August 13, 2014

Project: 105-740 & BWP-82
NOI

Project Description:
20 Brookfield Lane – septic for new SFD

Applicant:
Emile Gareau
66 Locust Street
Bellingham, MA

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

Plans: NOI & Proposed New Construction Sewage Disposal System, Lot 6 Brookfield Rd, June 25, 2014

Hearing time: 7:30 PM

Steve Dexter of Colonial Eng. and Emile Gareau were present when Barry Lariviere opened the hearing. Mr. Dexter stated that the applicant proposes to construct a new sewage disposal system located within the buffer zone that would service a new single family dwelling located outside the buffer zone. He added that staked straw wattles and construction fence are proposed for erosion control and that the site is relatively flat in contour. The Board of Health has approved the septic design plan. Members of the board requested that a split rail fence (or chain link fence raised 6 inches above the ground level) be added to the plan at the 25 foot No disturb Zone to prevent incursion into the no disturbance area. Mr. Dexter stated that a revised plan would be submitted reflecting that change. Michael O'Herron made a motion to continue the hearing to 7:40 PM Wed., Aug. 27th at which time the Order would be prepared pending receipt of the revised plans. The motion was seconded by Neal Standley and voted unanimously in favor.

Project: 105-741 & BWP-83
NOI

Project Description:
996 South Main St. – septic repair

Applicant:
James Nieva
996 South Main Street
Bellingham, MA

Representative:

Plans: NOI & Title V Sewage Disposal System Upgrade for Existing 3 Bedroom Dwelling, Sheets 1 & 2 dated July 3, 2014

Hearing time: 8:00 PM

James Nieva was present for opening of the hearing. Mr. Nieva stated that the system located on the site has failed and is in need of repair. The existing system will be removed and replaced with a Title V system. The lot has a gradual slope down to the resource area boundary. Mr. Nieva stated that silt fence is proposed for erosion control and is detailed on the plan. He added that the excavated soils from the existing system will be live loaded and removed from the site during construction. The Board of Health has already approved the plan. Mr. Nieva hopes to replace the system in September or October this year. There were no other comments or questions from the board. Brian Norton made a motion to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions. The motion was seconded by Neal Standley and carried unanimously.

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Project: BWP-84
RDA

Project Description:
15 Sidney Lane – perimeter fence and removal of shed from
Town property

Applicant:
Rebecca Kovach
15 Sidney Lane
Bellingham, MA

Representative:

Plans: RDA & Maps On Line, 16 Sidney Lane & Norfolk Fence Sketch July 2014

Meeting time: 8:30 PM

Rebecca Kovach and Mr. Kovach were present when Barry Lariviere opened the meeting. Ms. Kovach stated that she and her husband would like to construct a perimeter fence in their back yard at 15 Sidney Lane. The fence would be a chain link fence around the back yard and a vinyl fence at the side of the house. The fence would be located within the buffer zone. Barry Lariviere told Ms. Kovach that their shed is located on town property and that it must be removed soon. Ms. Kovach stated that the 8 x 10 foot shed was built in 2003. At that time a building permit was issued however, the owner did not put the shed in the area that was approved by Inspectional Services and it is located on the town's property. Barry Lariviere then presented the aerial photograph of the shed location and asked the Kovach's to move it onto their property. He said that the Commission would work with them to correct the situation as long as they continued to seek resolution. The shed has a brick walkway and is not on a foundation. Ms. Kovach asked if they could continue to mow that area once the shed was removed and the commission stated that the area is deeded as open space and must be brought back to its original condition. Ms. Kovach will correspond with Anne Matthews to apprise the Commission on her progress with the shed removal including seeking financial assistance from the Title Insurance Company through their closing attorney. Michael O'Herron made a motion to close the meeting and issue a Negative Determination for the fence installation. Brian Norton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Commission signed:

Certificate of Compliance:	105-682/900 South Main St./sfd/Bruce
Determination of Applicability	BWP-84/ 15 Sidney Lane/fence/Kovach
Order of Conditions	105-741 & BWP-83/ 996 South Main St/septic repair/Nieva

The board reviewed a three lot subdivision on Scott Hill Blvd. proposed by Brian Cook as submitted to the Planning Board.

The Commission is in receipt of a letter regarding the intent to convert Chapter 61B use of the property located at 186 Maple St. to other uses.

The Commission is scheduled to attend the Finance Committee meeting of Monday, Sept. 22nd to discuss the proposed changes to the revolving account in an Article in the Oct. Town meeting.

The Commission set up a site walk Sat., Aug. 23rd at 8:30 AM to look at the beaver dam problem at Whitehall Way.

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