

**Town of Bellingham**  
**Conservation Commission**  
**Municipal Center**  
**Bellingham, MA 02019**  
**Minutes of the meeting of February 11, 2015**

**Project: 105-751 & BWP-97**  
NOI

**Project Description:**  
52 Box Pond Road – construction of boulder wall, stone patio  
swing set and plantings

**Applicant:**  
Richard & Michele Keniston  
52 Box Pond Road  
Bellingham, MA

**Representative:**  
Jared Hatch, Hatch Inc.  
142A Main St.  
Millis, MA

**Plans: NOI and plans, “Hatch Landscape & Design plan for 52 Box Pond Road” dated 12/1/2014 and revised Jan. 14, 2015, and revised NOI, January 19, 2015**

**Continuation time: 7:30 PM**

After Barry Lariviere opened the continued hearing, he stated that the applicant has requested another continuation to Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> because the plans were not complete. Neal Standley moved to continue the hearing to Wed., Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Lori Fafard and carried unanimously.

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**Project:**  
Informational

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**Project Description:**  
High Street land donation

**Applicant:**  
Sean Tyrell, Seefried Industrial Properties

**Representative:**  
Dan Feeney, Beals and Thomas

**Informational time: 7:31 PM**

Dan Feeney and Sean Tyrell were present. Dan Feeney stated that Seefried Industrial Properties has just received Planning Board approval for a large industrial warehouse on a 56 acre lot located on High Street. Seefried has agreed to subdivide the lot into two parcels and donate the smaller parcel, approximately 12 acres in size, to the Conservation Commission for passive recreation as referenced in the permit. Seefried does not own the 56 acre property but anticipates closing on the property within 30 days at which time they would like to donate the 12 acre lot to the Conservation Commission. Dan Feeney presented draft language from a sample Conservation Restriction incorporating passive recreation wording into the document. After some discussion, Mr. Tyrell agreed locate concrete bounds on the property boundary to mark the town land. Changes to the suggested wording in the sample language (section 1 Purposes A. 1. and 4.) will include an exception for small structure for the use in launching canoes. Barry Lariviere then stated that members of the Commission must walk the site in the spring before acceptance of the land. Once the deed language is revised and approved by the Commission, the document will be sent to Denis Fraine and Town Counsel, Jay Talerma, for review. The Commission will then sign the deed and present to the Board of Selectmen for signing. The Commission agreed to respond to Dan Feeney within two weeks on the proposed revisions to the draft deed.

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**Project: 105-752 & BWP-101**  
NOI

**Project Description:**  
Caroline Drive – twin culvert replacement

**Applicant:**  
Don DiMartino, DPW  
26 Blackstone St.  
Bellingham, MA

**Representative:**  
John Rhoads  
Professional Services Corp.  
10 Lincoln St., Ste 201  
Foxboro, MA

**Plans: NOI and “Caroline Drive Culvert Replacement Sheet 1 – 6, Dec. 10, 2014”**  
**Hearing time: 8:00 PM**

Don DiMartino and John Rhoads were present when Barry Lariviere opened the hearing. Mr. Rhoads stated that the filing is for the replacement of a failing corrugated metal twin culvert with a new twin concrete culvert pipes of the same size and elliptical shape. John Rockwood of EcoTech delineated the resource areas on the site that include the 200 foot Riverfront Area to an unnamed brook, Bank and Land Under Water Bodies. Mr. Rhoads stated the design includes a 20 foot grade adjustment proposed on either side of the new culvert in order to facilitate water flow without increasing velocity in order to prevent flooding and scouring downstream. He added that 300 – 500 lb stone is proposed to be installed on the bottom of the inflow and outfall of the culvert. Smaller stone is proposed to armor the side slopes. The plans specifically state that the contractor must notify the applicant and the Conservation Commission regarding their proposed de-watering methodology before the culvert is replaced. Mr. Rhoads stated that a water main, a sewer main and a gas main all located on the road over the culvert must be adjusted. Details on the relocation of the existing water main can be found on the Detail Sheet of the plans. Mr. Rhoads also stated that the gas company will be scheduling the replacement of the existing gas line. He added that the existing sewer line is well below the surface of the construction area and will not be impacted. Mr. Rhoads also stated that the sidewalk will be rebuilt and some new pavement will be placed on the roadway. He added that waiver requests are included in the filing for the proposed work. Erosion control will consist of erosion logs and a phased erosion control plan is proposed for the down-gradient side while the sidewalk is reconstructed. Details on the headwall is included on the detail sheets. Precast headwalls, if utilized, must adhere to the specifications included on the detail sheets. The project will take place in a period of low flow (July, Aug., Sept.) John Rhoads discussed the possibility of replacing the catch basins on Caroline Drive (to improve stormwater pretreatment) with Don DiMartino, but Mr. DiMartino stated that there is a large amount of ledge in the area and he did not find it feasible to include this additional work in the filing. A site walk will be scheduled once the snow is melted. Don DiMartino requested that the hearing be continued to the second week in April. Cliff Matthews moved to continue the hearing to Wed., April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 PM. The motion was seconded by Lori Fafard and carried unanimously.

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**Project: 105-754 & BWP-102**  
NOI

**Project Description:**  
30 (Lot 7B) Beechwood Road, single family dwelling, septic

**Applicant:**  
David Doiron  
2 Annette Rd. Ste 2  
Foxboro, MA

**Representative:**  
Wm. Halsing, Land Planning Inc.  
167 Hartford Avenue  
Bellingham, MA 02019

**Plans: NOI & Subsurface Sewage Disposal System, Lot 7B Beechwood Road**  
**Hearing time: 8:30 PM**

Mr. and Mrs. Doiron and Bill Halsing were present when Barry Lariviere opened the hearing for the construction of a single family dwelling and septic system. Mr. Halsing stated that the proposed dwelling is

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immediately proximate to the New England Power easement. He stated that an isolated wetland is located to the south of the dwelling and another bordering vegetated wetland to the west. Scott Heim delineated the resource areas before the recent snow events. The house would be serviced with town water and an onsite sewage disposal system. Work within both the 100 foot buffer zone to the BVW and the Isolated wetland. The Commission questioned if Scott Heim discovered any evidence of vernal pool activity when he performed his evaluation. The Commission will pay special attention to this area when the site walk occurs. A site walk will be scheduled when the snow cover is gone. Neal Standley moved to continue the hearing to April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. Anne Matthews seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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The Commission reviewed the "Bellingham Shores" proposal that was recently submitted to the Planning Board by Bellingham Residential Realty. Copies of the Conservation Commission's comment memo to the Planning Board by Cliff were sent to the members of the Commission. Additional comments discussed could also include that the detention ponds may not be permissible under the WPA and local Bylaw, that the cul-de-sacs have no other source of access than wetland crossings that may not be permissible under the WPA and the local Bylaw, and that the applicant must file with MEPA with attention to historical aspects of the site as noted by Mass. Historical.

Anne Matthews stated that the owners of the former Ma Glockner's restaurant want to demolish the building and will file a Request for Determination with the Conservation Commission.

Cliff Matthews stated that a solar array is proposed at the landfill. Cliff has been working with Denis Fraine to direct him to the proper filing method. Cliff also asked Mr. Fraine to investigate a land donation consisting of an access on Varney owned property near Silver Lake to plan a bike path from Silver Lake to the High School. Mr. Fraine has received the maps and will speak with the Varney family.

The Conservation Commission is in receipt of a letter from the Registry of Deeds relative to the money available to communities that have passed the Community Preservation Act.

Cliff Matthews stated that we have received a copy of the Forest Cutting Plan for Mr. Wenger's property located on South Main St. The cutting does not involve impacts to wetland areas.

Attending the meeting were: Barry Lariviere, Neal Standley, Lori Fafard, Brian Norton, Michael O'Herron, Anne Matthews and Cliff Matthews arriving at 8:05 PM.