



Town of Duxbury  
Conservation Commission

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**Minutes of December 15, 2015**

The Conservation Commission met on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Mural Room at the Duxbury Town Hall.

**Members Present:** Vice Chairman Tom Gill; John Brawley; Sam Butcher; Robb D'Ambruoso; Dianne Hearn

**Members Absent:** Corey Wisneski; Holly Morris

**Staff Present:** Joe Grady, Conservation Administrator; Susan Ossoff, Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

**PUBLIC MEETING; VANCINI; 17 SURFSIDE WEST; SHED**

Mr. Vancini was not present at the meeting. Joe Grady explained that Mr. Vancini had recently filed an RDA for a deck; at that meeting, when asked about the shed, Mr. Vancini said the shed had washed away and he did not intend to rebuild or replace it. He has now decided to replace the shed with an 8' x 12' shed. The replacement deck is smaller than the previously existing deck so the coverage of the shed and deck will be less than was there previously. The shed will be at deck height, on 6 sonotubes, 2 of which are new (4 are existing).

On a motion by Sam Butcher, seconded by Dianne Hearn, it was voted 5-0-0 to issue a Negative Determination such that a Notice of Intent is not required for the proposed work as shown on the plan filed with the RDA at 17 Surfside West.

**PUBLIC HEARING; MEHRMANN; 113 FLINTLOCKE DRIVE; EXCAVATE, WIDEN AND PAVE DRIVEWAY AND INSTALL SHED SE18-1717**

Michael Mehrmann, the property owner, described the project which is to remove the existing railroad ties opposite the garage and push the area back 20 feet to provide a vehicle turning area. There is a mounded area and that soil that is within 100' of the wetlands will be moved to the opposite side of the house. A 12' x 16' shed will be placed on the side away from the driveway. Hay bales will be placed near the wetlands end of the property for erosion control.

Joe Grady said the project conforms to coverage regulations and meets all setbacks; the project is in compliance with the Commission's Rules and Regulations. The Orders of Conditions will require that the limit of work line be defined on the plan.

On a motion by Sam Butcher, seconded by Dianne Hearn, it was voted 5-0-0 to write Orders of Conditions for SE18-1717, 113 Flintlocke Drive.

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**PUBLIC HEARING; O'CONNOR LANDSCAPE FOR BERRYBROOK SCHOOL; 267 WINTER STREET; NATURE'S PLAYGROUND SE18-1718**

Nick O'Connor of O'Connor Landscape described the project which is to clear brush and undergrowth and install a Nature's Classroom for children ages 2.5 – 4.5 years in a former playground area. Topsoil will be removed and an engineered wood chip product will be used on the walking paths, with drainage under the wood chips.

Sam Butcher asked about the intermittent stream resource area, and whether any work will be done on the stream side of the existing fence. Mr. O'Connor said the only work to be done beyond the fence will be to remove some downed wood. Tom Merry of the Berrybrook School Building and Grounds Committee said this will be an outdoor space for the children to explore nature, there will be no utilities or foundations installed. Peter Hamilton of Trout Farm Lane asked if the proposed Nature's Classroom will generally be within the confines of the original play area and within the existing fence, and was told by Mr. Merry that it would be. Diana Hamilton of Trout Farm Lane commented on the extensive poison ivy along the trails and asked if weed killer will be used that could go into the ponds. Tom Merry said application of herbicides by State Law has to be reported and any work done would be in compliance with state law.

Sam Butcher was concerned with maintaining the buffer to the stream. He said the proposed activities will not affect the buffer, but was concerned with future plans for the site that might be for structures (like a sport court) that would affect the buffer.

The limit of work line for the project will be the existing fence.

On a motion by Dianne Hearn, seconded by Robb D'Ambruoso, it was voted 5-0-0 to write Orders of Conditions for SE18-1718, 267 Winter Street.

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE**

**SE18-1610; 48 Grandview Ave:** Joe Grady has inspected the property, the required documentation has been submitted, the project conforms to the Orders of Conditions and he recommends Certificates of Compliance be issued. On a motion by Sam Butcher, seconded by Dianne Hearn, it was voted 5-0-0 to issue Certificates of Compliance for SE18-1610; 48 Grandview Ave.

**SE18-1675; 5 Congress Street:** Joe Grady has inspected the property, the required documentation has been submitted, the project conforms to the Orders of Conditions and he recommends Certificates of Compliance be issued. On a motion by Sam Butcher, seconded by Dianne Hearn, it was voted 5-0-0 to issue Certificates of Compliance for SE18-1675; 5 Congress Street.

**CONSERVATION FUND**

Joe Grady explained that Valerie Massard, the new Town Planner, is very experienced with GIS mapping, and will be able to help with the maps for the Open Space and Recreation Plan, as well as with other mapping needs that the Conservation Department

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has. For the last Open Space plan, about \$10,000 was spent to make maps; the hope is that they can be done in-house this time. The Conservation Commission is being asked to contribute \$600 of the \$1300 cost of the software license.

On a motion by Sam Butcher, seconded by Dianne Hearn, it was voted 5-0-0 to contribute \$600 towards the software license for the GIS software with the funding to come from the Conservation Fund.

**MINUTES:**

On a motion by Dianne Hearn, seconded by Sam Butcher, it was voted 5-0-0 to approve the minutes of **December 1, 2015**.

**Adjournment:** On a motion by Robb D'Ambruoso, second by Dianne Hearn, it was voted 5-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm.

**MATERIALS REVIEWED AT THE MEETING**

RDA materials for 17 Surfside West  
NOI materials for 113 Flintlocke Drive  
NOI materials for 267 Winter Street  
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