

**MINUTES OF THE
HALIFAX CONSERVATION COMMISSION
April 5, 2016**

A meeting of the Halifax Conservation Commission was held on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, in the Conservation Commission office. Chairperson Tina Tonello opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

In Attendance: Gerry Fitzgerald, Vice Chairperson; April Letourneau, Clerk; John Peck, Member; Kathy Evans, Member; Chris Hadorn, Associate Member.

Hearings and Discussions:

Open 7:00 – NOI – Jordiss Rains Estates / Rider's Way

Mr. Joe Webby was present to discuss the drainage plan for the proposed subdivision within the 100' buffer. They will be filing individual NOI's for each house at a later date. Site abuts the Palmer Mill Brook. It is the Old Mill Site. There is an Isolated Land subject to flooding in addition to being a Riverfront filing. There will be 8 new Residential single family lots. Their meeting with the Planning Board has been continued to 4/21/16. They are reviewing the roadway construction and the drainage reports. Abutter Laurie Dowie, 46 Palmer Mill Rd. expressed concern re: the amount of flooding that already takes place on her property and the possibility of it increasing. Mr. Webby indicated that they will not be proposing any work in the area Ms. Dowie was referring to. Abutter Sharon Hartz asked if the Pine Grove would be removed and how much water absorption would be lost by cutting those trees down. Mr. Webby indicated that they will be removing approximately 1 acre of trees. No water will be directed to the brook. Everything will be directed to the proposed to the drainage / retention areas. She also asked about the strength of the bridge. Gerry suggested that the Highway Department would be responsible for that under roadway maintenance. Abutter John Makepeace had questions re: elevations. He was directed to the Planning Board for more specifics on elevations. There will be no vegetation cut at all within 50' of the wetlands on either side. There will be yearly maintenance and treatment that will be part of the drainage plan.

Mr. Webby requested a continuation to the May 17, 2016 Meeting to allow for the completion of the Planning Board meetings.

Motion to continue to May 17, 2016 at 7pm.

Motion: April Letourneau

Second: Kathy Evans

AIF

7:10 – RDA- Commuter Rail

This is the usual work that is done outside of the wetlands to control vegetation. The Commuter Rail is very good at sending yearly reports as required. The Board has no problem approving the RDA as submitted.

Motion to approve the RDA with a Negative 3 Determination

Motion: April Letourneau
Second: Kathy Evans
AIF

7:20 - General Discussion – Plymouth St.

Mr. Joe Murray and a representative from Professional Land Associates were present to discuss putting a single story Dunkin Donuts on the property in the future. This would be an existing conditions project. It was previously approved under Mr. Messier and it would be very similar however it would not have a second floor. It is on the Agenda at the BOH and Planning Board for this week. There would be two tenants in the building. They will have the Wetland line checked and if everything remains outside of the 50' buffer line then the board feels that there would probably be no problem. The Stop and Shop easement would be maintained. They will return once they have gone through the other boards and have a current Wetland line delineation.

7:30 – General Discussion – 204 Plymouth St.

Mr. and Mrs. Kingston were in to discuss the Wetland Violation that was reported by a resident, cutting down the trees and brush around the brook next to their house. The Kingston's were unaware that the area was protected by the Wetlands Protection Act and will not cut or clear any more. It is unknown if the brook is on the USGS Map, so we are not sure if it is in the wetland protection act. They were cutting bittersweet which is an invasive species; therefore they will keep what is already cut, trimmed back so it does not return. However, they will not go any further with the trimming and cutting of trees. They are allowed to keep it cut back yearly in order to keep it at bay. Kendra will issue a letter for the Kingston's to keep on file.

7:50 - NOI - 23 Richview Ave.

Abutters have not been notified. Applicant is going to be re-advertising. They have submitted a written request for continuance.

Motion to grant a Continuance to April 19, 2016 at 7:30pm

Motion: April Letourneau
Second: Kathy Evans
AIF

General Discussion – 614 Monponsett St.

Owner of the property, Leo was here to discuss replacing the front enclosed porch on his property. There will be no change in the footprint. Sonar tubes are ok to use. The Commission is ok with the owner proceeding as discussed. He will go to the Building Department for his permit.

8:00 – Amended OOC – Halifax Trails

Greg Driscoll from Jacobs Driscoll Engineering was present to discuss the Amended Order of Conditions. Each building is now on one lot instead of each on its own lot. Also, the buildings now have a 6' bump out on the bottom floor instead of being straight across the back which puts a few of the buildings barely with the resource area where they all were out of the resource area previously.

Motion to approve the Amended Order of Conditions with the existing Order of Conditions.

Motion: April Letourneau

Second: Kathy Evans

John Peck abstained from voting. All others present voted in favor.

General Discussion - 61 Lake St.

New owner of the property, Laurie Monahan came in to discuss putting a fence on the right side of the property down to about 6 feet from the lake. A fence is generally an exempt activity. A fence in the rear of the house will be allowed as long as she has the property surveyed for the correct lot lines.

Secretarial:

Road Cut Permit for 17 First Avenue was reviewed and signed.

Road Cut Permit for 104 Oak St. was reviewed and signed.

Building Permit for 735 Old Plymouth St. was reviewed and signed.

Mr. Baldissera of 68 Walnut St. has filed an RDA for his driveway. Kendra has sent it back to him and requested an NOI as discussed in November of 2014. Mr. Baldissera has filed a complaint with the DEP.

Mail:

The mail folder was reviewed by the Commission. Including information regarding updates on 17 First Ave. and Halifax Trails and the infractions that have occurred on each building permit.

April would like to see a PowerPoint presentation on the Green Infrastructure. Kendra will send an email requesting further info.

Scott Clawson would like to amend the agreement that controls how many horse shows he is allowed to have. Charlie would like to know if the Conservation Commission has any concerns.

Bills:

Plympton Halifax Express - \$120.00

Motion: April Letourneau

Second: Kathy Evans

AIF

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Motion: John Peck

Second: April Letourneau

AIF

Respectfully submitted,

Kendra Kelly
Secretary