

MEDWAY CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
September 15, 2011
Minutes

The Medway Conservation Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on September 15, 2011 at Medway Town Hall, Sanford Hall. In attendance were members Dave Travalini, Ken McKay, Tony Biocchi and Conservation Commission Agent, Karon Skinner Catrone.

The meeting was called to order at 8.00 p.m.

Boy Scout Project- Ms. Skinner-Catrone states boy scout Benjamin Bauman has approached her with an eagle scout project proposing to remove the invasives at Choate Park along the river. The scout is not present. The discussion is tabled to the next meeting.

Request for Determination of Applicability- 243 Village Street

WPA Form 1

Plan – Sketch

Present is Mr. Jeremy C. Barstow representing Mr. and Mrs. Loretta. Mr. Barstow is requesting a Negative Determination of Applicability to construct a deck in the rear yard at 243 Village Street. The deck will be 8 feet closer to the wetland. The applicant is proposing 7 or 8 footings which will be dug by hand. The Commission asks the contractor not to throw any soil in the wetland area.

An abutter (did not give name) is present and asks if they will be going closer to her house. Mr. Barstow states they will be going straight back. They are not going out to either side and no equipment will be brought on site.

Motion made by Mr. Travalini to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability #3 as per the plan. Seconded by Mr. Biocchi. Unanimously approved.

Notice of Intent – Lot 1 – 25 Summer Street – CONTINUED from September 1, 2011

WPA Form 3-Notice of Intent

Plan – Notice of Intent Plan 7/11/11

This hearing was continued from September 1, 2011 so the Commission could do a site visit. The site visit was done and the Commission found the soils to be very wet but with a high chroma. The Commission requested Ms. Catrone check the soils later this week when there was not so much rain.

Ms. Catrone states she found the soils to be the same when she revisited the site.

Mr. Travalini states the chroma does not show area to be wet but the plants and saturation show it to be wet.

Present is Mr. Dan O’Driscol. Mr. O’Driscol delineated the site. He states the only way soil can be hydric is if it has 10 inches of organic material in the A horizon.

Mr. Travalini states because this is still wet after a week and a half of no rain, it tells us it is wet.

Mr. O’Driscol delineated the site on 11/09/2011, and the area was dry.

Mr. Travalini states he thought it to be fair that someone go back out and take another look. This is a strange situation. He suggests the applicant put the new flags on the plan and see how it affects the project.

Motion made by Mr. Travalini, seconded by Mr. Biocchi to continue the hearing to the next meeting at the request of the applicant. Unanimously approved.

Amended Notice of Intent – 9 Gable Way #216-775

Letter-Notice of Intent
Plan – Notice of Intent Plan 7/11/11

The Commission did a site visit on 9/3/11. Mr. Travalini states the rear yard is all lawn. There are grass dumpings in the wetlands which must come out. Ms. Catrone states it was discussed at the last meeting that the deck would be made smaller to bring the work away from the wetland. Will this be done? The applicant did not want to pull it back. Ms. Catrone states the limit of work line will be the limit of work. Ms. Catrone asks that a composted berm be used at this site.

Motion made by Mr. Travalini, seconded by Mr. Biocchi, to issue an amended order as per the plan with the condition that straw wattles are to be changed to composted berm and the dumpings in wetland be removed prior to signing building. Unanimously approved.

Certificate of Compliance - 1 Iarussi Way – DEP #216-688
Form 8 Request for Cert. of Compliance

Ms. Catrone states she visited the site. The bounds are in and etched with a “W” and there is a sign stating that it is a sensitive habitat. The erosion control has been installed for the work approved under the RDA.

Motion made by Mr. Travalini to issue a Certificate of Compliance. Seconded by Mr. McKay. Unanimous.

Certificate of Compliance -9 Freedom Trail Rd – DEP #216-668
Form 8 Request for Cert. of Compliance

Ms. Catrone states she did not have a chance to go out because she just received the paperwork yesterday.

Motion made by Mr. Biocchi, seconded by Mr. McKay, to issue a Certificate of Compliance pending an inspection of the property by Ms. Catrone.

Certificate of Compliance - Shaw Street – DEP #216-769
Form 8 Request for Cert. of Compliance

Ms. Catrone states the Commission cannot issue a complete certificate of compliance until the plants show a 75% survival rate after two years. Mr. Travalini states the Commission does not issue partials so they will need to wait the two years.

Discussion items –

1. Tree removal – 93 West Street schedule a site walk. Ms. Catrone states there are a lot of trees to be removed. She would like the Commission to take a look at the site. Mr. Travalini asks her to call the owner and find out what time works for him. Sept. 24, 2011 at 8:30 works for the Commission. We may possibly have him do an RDA.

2. NStar - West Street - Dave Halliwell- Ms. Catrone explains she was going out to look at 93 West Street and found Nstar in the process of working on the existing access roads which are within 10 feet of wetlands. The erosion control is not functioning and there should be a silt sack under the cover of the catch basin.

Mr. Halliwell of Nstar is present and states they were working on a short stretch of the road. Straw wattles are down now. They are putting down gravel and rolling it out.

We have no problem doing what we need to do.

Mr. Halliwell states the silt fence that is there is not from us. Mr. Travalini asks Ms. Catrone to talk to Mr. Holder about taking down silt fence.

Mr. Biocchi states he got a complaint from Kent Powderly across from Swanson Granite. Ms. Catrone states she and Mr. Holder looked at that area the other day. The grate is getting clogged. It is really backing up. DPS is working on that.

3.4 Brandywine – Mr. Paul DeSimone is present and asks the Commission if he can do an RDA for this project. The commission is okay with that.

Adjourn 9:20