



TOWN OF NORTH READING

Massachusetts

Conservation Commission

Minutes

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

Ms. Mitchener, Acting Chair, called the Tuesday, March 18, 2014, meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 7:30 PM in Room 14 of the North Reading Town Hall, 235 North Street, North Reading, MA.

Members Present: Lori Mitchener, Vice Chair
Tom Romeo, Member
Jonathan Cody, Member

Absent: Tim Allen, Member
Marty Weiss, Chairman

Staff Present: Kathy Morgan, Admin. Asst.
Leah Basbanes

Discussion/ Correspondence File/Minutes

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Mr. Romeo moved, seconded by Mr. Cody, and voted 3-0;

that the Conservation Commission approve the minutes of January 21, 2014.

Public Hearings

Minor Modification – 113 Haverhill Street

Luke Roy, Chris Moynihan and Ed White were present. The new owner, Chris Moynihan would like to provide propane heat to the new units being built. The tanks will be underground and contained within a concrete structure. Mr. Roy said the concrete pad will be below the frost line approximately 4 feet below the surface. They will be located opposite Building B in



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the Inner Riparian zone with the closest point 44' away. Mr. Roy said the pad will be below the frost line. Leah said she has no issues with the applicant installing the tanks within the riparian area. The propane tanks will be enclosed surface tanks. Mr. Moynihan said that the National Grid pipes are 600+ feet away and it would be very costly to bring down Haverhill St.

Mr. Romeo moved, seconded by Mr. Cody, and voted 3-0;

that the Conservation Commission consider the installation of propane tanks at 113 Haverhill St. to be a minor modification to the submitted plans.

Certificate of Compliance

41 Spruce Road (245-199 & 245-390)

Mr. Cody moved, seconded by Mr. Romeo, and voted 3-0;

that the Conservation Commission issue a Certificate of Compliance for DEP# 245-199 & 245-390.

4 Fieldcrest Terrace (245-1467)

Mr. Roy, from LJR Engineering, was present for the applicant. Mr. Roy explained to members that there are boarding vegetated wetlands around the rear and south side of the house, as well as across the street. Floodplain at the site is at 80' at the back of the house. The applicant wants to raze the existing house and build a two bedroom single family house. The deed will have a restriction that no other bedrooms could be added on. Mr. Roy feels the house should fall under reconstruction and not new construction because they are proposing to build the same size house and they would not be able to locate the septic system 75' from the edge of wetlands. The new house will be moved south on the property and it would be 27' from the edge of wetlands and the septic system would be 50'. Mr. Roy said that all the work will be done within the existing disturbed area. The existing impervious is 900 s.f., or 10.6%. The proposed impervious will be 1344 s.f. or 15.8%. The driveway will be a pervious surface. The applicant is willing to reclaim & recover some areas near the wetland area. The Board of Health has approved the septic system. Mr. Roy said the septic system will be a pit design, precast concrete units surrounded by stones when installed. There is a shed on the site 6' away from BVW. Mr. Romeo asked for the shed to be moved out to the 12' no disturb buffer. Ms. Mitchener said that because the house will be moved to a different location on the lot, it would normally be considered new construction.



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Mr. Cody moved, seconded by Mr. Romeo, and voted 3-0;

That the Conservation Commission close the Public Hearing and issue an Order of Conditions with the standard 43 conditions, plus a condition that the shed be moved. Ms. Basbanes asked that the slab under the shed be removed and to keep it out of the floodplain. There was a question of disturbance when the shed is moved. Ms. Basbanes said it would be a temporary disturbance and to let the vegetation grow back.

0 Redmond Ave/85, 87, & 95 Concord Street – Request for Determination

Thomas Keogh, a wetland scientist and Art Taddeo from AECOM were present for the applicant Lockheed Martin Corp. Mr. Taddeo gave some history of how Lockheed Martin got involved with the property through Martinetta & GE. The site has been worked on for 15 years and over 100 wells have been done already. There are two or three other sites involved with this one. It is part of a Mass. Contingent plan. The applicant needs to do more work within the wetlands where the plume is. Wells will be done both horizontally and vertically. They will do sampling in the Fall and submit reports in April or May of next year. They have a May 2015 deadline.

Mary ann Thomas, an abutter, asked what the purpose of the monitoring wells were for. Mr. Taddeo explained that they are part of a Mass. Contingent plan to understand the plume contamination and how they are following concentrations over time to see that they contamination levels drop off.

Mr. Keogh said the access to the sites will be off Redmond Ave. near the pump house. He said there is an access roadway that has been broken through. They will improve the roadway, remove some samplings, about 5” and some vegetation. They will also have to do some grading near the monitoring area. They will install swamp mating that floats. The matts are about 1 – 2” thick. Ms. Basbanes asked what kinds of vehicles will be brought in. Mr. Keogh said mainly pickup trucks. Ms. Basbanes asked where they will be accessing off Redmond Ave. Mr. Keogh said at the pumping station. He said they will need to do some grading with a front end loader in the upland area, approximately 40’ outside of buffer. Mr. Romeo asked what they plan on doing with the material taken out for the monitoring wells. Mr. Taddeo said they will remove it to a platform and then taken off site.

Mr. Cody moved, seconded by Mr. Romeo, and voted 3-0;



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that the Conservation Commission close the Public Hearing and issue an Order of Conditions with the standard 43 conditions, plus additional conditions concerning materials at the site. Hold for a DEP file number.

Other Business

5 Ten Rod Way (245-1185)

Mr. Cody moved, seconded by Mr. Romeo, and voted 3-0;

that the Conservation Commission issue a Certificate of Compliance.

Adjourn

Mr. Cody moved seconded by Mr. Romeo, and voted unanimously in favor;

that the Conservation Commission adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM

Approved _____ dated _____