



## Minutes

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

Mr. Weiss, Chair, called the Tuesday, September 9, 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: Marty Weiss, Chairman  
Tim Allen, Member  
Jonathan Cody, Member  
Lori Mitchener, Vice Chair  
Tom Romeo, Member

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

### Discussion/ Correspondence File/Minutes

#### Minutes

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

**that the Conservation Commission approve the minutes of August 12, 2014.**

### Liaison to the LUC

Mr. Allen moved to appoint Jonathan Cody to be the Commission's liaison to the Land Utilization Committee. Ms. Mitchener seconded the motion; and it was voted unanimously in favor.



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**Acceptance of Swan Pond Road**

Mr. Allen moved that the Conservation Commission support the transfer of the portion of Swan Pond Road currently under the ownership of the Conservation Commission into General Government. Ms. Mitchener seconded the motion; and it was voted unanimously in favor.

**Certificate of Compliance**

**6 Bishops Way (245-1318)**

Ms. Mitchener moved, seconded by Mr. Allen, and voted 5-0;

that the Conservation Commission issue a Certificate of Compliance as work satisfactorily done.

**Public Hearings**

**7 Aldersgate Way RDA inground pool**

Mr. Barker was present. The work associated with the inground pool will be 80' from the nearest wetland. The wetlands were reflagged by Steve Eriksen. There will be a 6" change in the grade of the driveway, but otherwise, no grading change.

Ms. Mitchener moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and voted 5-0;

that the Conservation Commission close the Public Hearing and issue a Negative 3 Determination with one condition that there shall be no de-watering toward the wetlands.

**230 Elm Street – RDA bridge repairs**

Bill Smith and Attorney Ted Regnante were present. The work to be performed, replacing planks on the first bridge, is part of a Final Settlement between Linda Smith and the Town of North Reading. Mr. Smith is to maintain the bridge and it will become a private way with the land under the bridges to be conveyed to Mr. Smith at Town Meeting.

Ms. Mitchener moved, seconded by Mr. Cody, and voted 5-0;



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that the Conservation Commission close the Public Hearing and issue a Negative 2 Determination.

**265-271 Main Street – RDA Catch basin and subsurface drainage system**

Bill Dufresne, Merrimack Engineering Services and Mark Wagner, from Federal Realty Investment Trust were present. Mr. Dufresne explained that there are three roof down spouts that drain into the parking lot. The runoff causes icing and all only go into one catch basin. Mr. Dufresne said the existing catch basin is 2' deep and inadequate. The new down spouts will be directed directly to the new 6' deep catch basin. The catch basin is within 20' to the wetlands to the north of the property. All work will be done within the current paved parking lot.

Ms. Mitchener moved, seconded by Mr. Allen, and voted 5-0;

that the Conservation Commission close the Public Hearing and issue a Negative 3 Determination.

**Central Street culvert**

Mike Soraghan, Town Engineer, and Peter Richardson, from Green International, were present. Mr. Soraghan advised the Commission that the corrugated mat within the 54" culvert under Central St. is deteriorating. There have been many pot holes due to the erosion of material in the roadway over the culvert. June Town Meeting approved monies for repairs to the culvert. Mr. Richardson explained that they will line the culvert with a high density corrugated piping and fill the space between the liner and the culvert. They plan to sandbag in front of the culvert while the work is being done. There will not be any increase in flood elevation. Mr. Richardson suggested that a condition for a de-watering plan be added.

Mr. Weiss asked if there will be any dredging within the stream. Mr. Richardson said no dredging, just putting sandbags while grout is adhered to.

Ms. Basbanes asked what the grout is made of. Mr. Richardson said it is a lighter adhesive and will only take a few days at the least to dry.

Mr. Weiss asked what the expected construction time will be and if they will need to post a detour for a day or so. Mr. Richardson said they will put the bid out after they receive the Order. They will put granite slabs for headwalls to stop the silt from eroding from the bank.



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**Ms. Mitchener moved, seconded by Mr. Cody, and voted 5-0;**

**that the Conservation Commission close the Public Hearing, but hold issuing pending the DEP# and comments from DEP with one condition for a de-watering plan.**

**66 Central St. – RDA grading associated with a new single family house**

John DiVecchia, contractor, was present. Mr. DiVecchia told members that the house and septic system will be located out of the buffer. The only work within the buffer is grading behind the house. There is a wetland to the left of the property where a culvert drains onto the site. The work is 60'-70' from the nearest wetland flag.

Ms. Mitchener moved, seconded by Mr. Allen, and voted 5-0;

that the Conservation Commission close the Public Hearing and issue a Negative 3 Determination.

**162 Park St., /Molly's Store – ANORAD**

Jack McQuilkin, from JM Associates, was present. Mr. McQuilkin explained that the delineation for this site was approved back in July but without an associated wetland or resource area, DEP would not approve the filing. The plans now include a wetland on the other side of the access road.

**Ms. Mitchener moved, seconded by Mr. Allen, and voted 5-0;**

**that the Conservation Commission close the Public Hearing and issue an ORAD, approving the delineation on the submitted plan.**

**34 Adam St. – RDA for driveway grading**

Jim Kavanaugh, engineer for the project, was present. Mr. Kavanaugh explained that the applicant plans to remove the existing house and build a new house. The new house, pool and septic system will all be located outside the 100' buffer. The new driveway will need to be re-graded. Mr. Kavanaugh said they will be removing trees 50' up from the pond, no larger than 6



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inches in diameter and making a new yard. Mr. Kavanaugh said they already have approval from the Town of Danvers because the pond is their water source.

Ms. Basbanes reminded Mr. Kavanaugh that there should be no removing trees or clearing within the 12' buffer. Mr. Kavanaugh said there is a tree being removed at 15' and one at 50' and one on the other side of the driveway. Wetlands are on the other side of Adams St. Ms. Basbanes suggests that a stone wall or fence should be at the 12' buffer. Ms. Basbanes asked what the need for grubbing is if there is a plateau at 50'. Mr. Kavanaugh said just for a better site of the pond. Ms. Basbanes said she would like to have a physical barrier, such as boulders, a fence or a stone wall.

**Ms. Mitchener moved, seconded by Mr. Allen, and voted 5-0;**

**that the Conservation Commission moved to close the Public Hearing and issue a Negative 3 Determination with a condition for permanent markers at the 12' no disturb and Ms. Basbanes to review all trees to be removed.**

**Adjourn**

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

**that the Conservation Commission adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM**

**Approved \_\_\_\_\_**

**Dated \_\_\_\_\_**