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Minutes

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. Weiss, Chair, called the Tuesday, June 18, 2013, 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 Lori Mitchener, Vice Chair Jonathan Cody, Member Tim Allen, Member
Absent:	Tom Romeo, Member
Staff Present:	Leah Basbanes, Agent Kathy Morgan, Admin. Asst.

Discussion/ Correspondence File/Minutes

Minutes

Mr. Allen moved, seconded by Ms. Mitchener, and voted 4-0;

that the Conservation Commission approve the minutes of May 14, 2013.

Certificate of Compliance

217 Haverhill Street 245-1301

Ms. Mitchener moved, seconded by Mr. Allen, and voted 4-0;

that the Conservation Commission issue a Certificate of Compliance.

22 Chestnut St. 245-1417

Ms. Mitchener moved, seconded by Mr. Allen, and voted 4-0;

that the Conservation Commission issue Certificates of Compliances.

10 Adrian Drive (245-573) & (245-1377)

Ms. Basbanes said that there has been more work done on the property than was permitted, but the area is stable and under the bylaw thresholds for buffer disturbance and impervious area. Members decided to hold off until the July meeting to see if the homeowner could be present.

Public Hearings

Eisenhaure Pond Park – (245-1452) trails

Mr. Reed outlined the trail work that is being proposed on his plan. In area A there is 30' of muddy worn out trail and they are proposing to put stones down. In area B, there are also some muddy areas they will put planks down. There is an existing path. Ms. Basbanes said there are both flat upland and wetland areas, but not necessarily wet all the time.

Ms. Mitchener moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and voted 4-0;

that the Conservation Commission close the Public Hearing and issue an Order of Conditions with the standard 43 conditions.

221 Haverhill Street (245-1450) stone wall, landscaping, trees

Simone Franco, the owner, was present. She explained the work going on at her property. Work had already started for the stone walls. Originally, this was reviewed as a violation because the work was started without a permit. Ms. Franco was asked to file a Notice of Intent for all the work she proposes to do. She also wants to put in a driveway, a shed, and take two trees down, loam and seed. Ms. Basbanes is satisfied with everything. Stockpiles have been removed and silt fence is up. The shed will be slightly larger than what shows on the plan.

Ms. Mitchener moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and voted 4-0;

that the Conservation Commission close the Public Hearing and issue an Order of Conditions with the standard 43 conditions.

29 Crestwood Road – Request for Determination driveway paving

The owner, Mr. Slater, was present. He would like to replace his existing driveway and repave the same area with a slight increase at the garage end. All work is outside the 12' buffer. Leah asked for silt fence to be placed at wetland crossing.

Ms. Mitchener moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and voted 4-0;

that the Conservation Commission close the Public Hearing and issue a Negative 3 Determination with one condition that silt fence be installed at the wetland crossing.

107 Elm Street (245-1451) Single family house & site work

Doug Stewart, from Pennoni Associates, was present. The project consists of a single-family house, with access off MacIntyre Drive, a new septic system, driveway and grading. Ms. Basbanes said the delineation is fine but moved two flags 6 & 7. Impervious is at 21.8%. The site is already very disturbed and Ms. Basbanes felt the new development would be an improvement when the debris is removed. Mr. Stewart said the infiltration rate should be greater with improvements from hard pack to grass. The Board of Health permit has not been issued yet. The house is to be built behind the old house on the original lot.

Ms. Mitchener moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and voted 4-0;

that the Conservation Commission close the Public Hearing and issue an Order of Conditions with the standard 43 conditions, but hold for the Board of Health permit.

300 Riverpark Drive – Request for Determination sidewalk

Ed Hutchinson, from Tetra Tek, was present for the applicant. For safety reasons, they would like to install a sidewalk 4' x 62', made of permeable pavers. All the work is within an already landscaped area, 55' from the wetland, which is associated with a forested wetland and the Ipswich river.

Ms. Mitchener moved, seconded by Mr. Cody and voted 4-0;

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

5 Snow Crest Run (245-1453) Septic system

Bill Dufresne, Merrimack Engineering Services, was present for the applicant. The system was previously replaced in 2003. The work will be 65' from the wetland edge, in the same general location as the previous one. The tank is staying. The Board of Health had issued an Emergency Permit.

Ms. Mitchener moved, seconded by Mr. Cody and voted 4-0;

that the Conservation Commission close the Public Hearing and issue an Order of Conditions with the standard 43 conditions, but ask that the wetland flags be reestablished and erosion controls be installed across the driveway.

346R Haverhill Street (245-xxxx) ANORAD

Kenneth Lania, was present for the applicant Mr. Steven Ouellette, Jr. Michael Turgeon, from Turgeon Environmental Services, delineated the resource areas. Ms. Basbanes asked that some flags be changed, which Mr. Lania agreed to revise the plan to show those changes.

Ms. Mitchener moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and voted 4-0;

that the Conservation Commission accept the applicant's request to continue the Public Hearing to July 9, 2013.

Continued Public Hearings

37 Leland Road (245-xxxx) Single family house

Stephen Dresser, from Dresser, Williams and Way, Inc. was present for the applicant. Revised plans dated June 17, 2013, were submitted. They went before the Board of Health and were given permission for a two bedroom house. The septic system was reduced and the new house will have a walkout basement and less fill will be required. A stone trench will be installed for

recharge of runoff and all work is proposed outside the floodplain. Buffer disturbance and impervious percentages are all below standards. The shed and chain link fence will be removed and a post-n-rail fence or some other demarcation will be installed to mark the 12' no disturb zone.

Ms. Bucari stated her concerns of the height of the elevation and wonders if she will get flooded. Mr. Dresser said the runoff will stay the same. Mr. Tone was concerned with the drainage going through his property. Mr. Dresser said they won't be disturbing his property. Mr. Bucari was concerned with the additional fill on his property line. Mr. Dresser said that only a foot more would be added and it shouldn't cause any more runoff. Mr. Bucari asked that a swale be installed to divert the water back toward the wetlands to the rear of the property. Mr. Dresser didn't seem to object to doing that.

Ms. Mitchener moved, seconded by Mr. Cody, and voted 4-0;

that the Conservation Commission close the Public Hearing and issue an Order of Conditions with the standard 43 conditions plus one to demark the 12' no disturb and to remove the existing shed.

32 Tower Hill Road – Request for Determination – Addition

James Richie, the contractor, was present for the applicant. The wetlands were delineated by Bill Manuel and were found to be 80' away from the proposed work. Mr. Richie plans to build a 24' x 24' addition and will be constructed within the existing driveway area. Ms. Basbanes found that the measure from the wetlands was actually the stream and the work will be 50' to wetlands.

Ms. Mitchener moved, seconded by Mr. Cody, and voted 4-0;

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

24 Dogwood Lane (Lot 2) (245-1448) driveway, grading & ss

Peter Ogren was present for the applicant. Revised plans, dated 6/6/13, were submitted. Elevations of the retention area were determined at 71 down to 70 and the grading was showed. The bordering vegetated wetlands is 8' down from the ledge.

Ms. Mitchener moved, seconded by Mr. Cody, and voted 4-0;

that the Conservation Commission close the Public Hearing and issue an Order of conditions with the standard 43 conditions.

2 Rahnden Terrace (245-1449) raze & rebuild 3 bdrm house

Ethan Davis, from Dana Perkins, was present for the applicant. The applicant proposes to raze and rebuild a three bedroom house with the septic system located in the front yard. Revised plans, dated 6/3/13, were submitted showing the trench.

Ms. Mitchener moved, seconded by Mr. Cody, and voted 4-0;

that the Conservation Commission close the Public Hearing and issue an Order of Conditions with the standard 43 conditions.

157 Main Street (245-1447) Commercial building

Mr. O'Neill, from LJR Engineering and Jim Senior, were present for the applicant. Revised plans dated 6/4/13 were submitted. They have relocated the entrance closer to the building and new landscaping was added. The parking was reconstructed and Mr. O'Neil went over some of the other changes. The applicant's response to DEP was sent and a copy is in the file. The applicant is no longer intruding into the back wetlands and the project now meets stormwater management requirements. The detention pond labeling was corrected. The detention pond is within 50' of the back wetland. Mr. O'Neill said that the only flooding on the site would be from backup from the Ipswich River.

Ms. Mitchener moved, seconded by Mr. Cody, and voted 4-0;

that the Conservation Commission close the Public Hearing and issue an Order of Conditions with the standard 43 conditions.

Adjourn

Mr. Allen moved, seconded by Mr. Cody, and voted 4-0;

that the Conservation Commission adjourn the meeting at 9:45 PM

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Approved _____ **dated** 3/07/2013