

BEDFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting
April 8, 2015
Selectmen's Meeting Room
Town Hall, Bedford, MA

PRESENT: John Willson, Chair, Chair; Allan Wirth; Lori Eggert; Joseph Guardino
Elizabeth Bagdonas, Conservation Administrator

ABSENT: Steven Hagan; John Britton; Andreas Uthoff

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm. Chairman John Willson read the statement of jurisdiction and list of official documents that are relevant to the commission's proceedings, review and decisions, and are read into the public record at the beginning of each meeting.

The Bylaw discussion was postponed until later on in the meeting.

Continuation of Public Hearing – Notice of Intent: 13 Bonnievale Drive – LEC Environmental Consultants on behalf of Christopher Cronin, 18 Bonnievale Drive Realty Trust

The public hearing had been continued until the wetland boundary area was thawed, free of snow, and could be reviewed for approval of the wetland boundary flags. Richard Kirby of LEC Environmental Consultants appeared on behalf of the owner, stating that he believed the commission was satisfied with the project design and documentation in the Notice of Intent, and that the only remaining issue was confirmation of the wetland boundary.

Ms. Bagdonas stated that LEC representatives had met with her at the site on April 7th; the wetland boundary was approved with one minor revision. Mr. Kirby explained that there was a 7-foot change at flag #2, and that a new flag, #2R, had been placed. He provided the field data forms, and stated that he had made a pencil note of the revised flag location on the plan. He also stated that Ms. Bagdonas had agreed that the hearing could be closed and the Order of Conditions issued contingent upon receipt of a revised plan with the new flag location.

Mr. Kirby described the Notice of Intent proposal to install FENO markers close to ground level in place of upright concrete or granite bounds. The markers would identify the downgradient land as a protected area, and would be placed as noted on the *Rain Garden & Buffer Zone Restoration Planting Plan*. The Commission stated its agreement with this proposal.

Ms. Bagdonas noted that there was old demolition debris at the wetland boundary, and that she had included a condition for removal in the draft Order.

A motion was made by Mr. Wirth and seconded by Mr. Guardino to close the public hearing. The motion passed 4-0-0.

Order of Conditions: 13 Bonnievale Drive

The commission reviewed a draft Order of Conditions prepared by Ms. Bagdonas. She explained that the format of the findings and special conditions had been based upon the recent Order for 236 Carlisle Road, although there were significant differences and some additional conditions for this project. The commission then proceeded to go through the findings, the standard conditions for all projects, and finally, the revised conditions and additional conditions specific to this project. These included conditions related to scheduling, monitoring, funding for as-built plans and the buffer zone restoration and rain garden construction, environmental site supervisor, permanent bounds and debris piles. Mr. Kirby raised several questions, which the commission addressed.

Mr. Wirth then made a motion to approve the project and issue the Order of Conditions as discussed and edited. The motion was seconded by Mr. Guardino, after which the commission voted to approve the motion 4-0-0.

Postponements

Several hearings and items on the agenda were postponed to the meeting of April 22nd. This included the public hearings for 5 & 7 Alaska Avenue and 150A, 158 & 162 South Road. The Order of Resource Area Delineation for 57 & 75 Hartwell Road, and the Notice of Intent for 1 Russet Road were also postponed to this date, due to continuing snow cover.

Correction to Determination of Applicability: 7 Hill Road

Ms. Bagdonas explained a correction to the first and second pages of the recently issued Determination, in order to include the wetland boundary delineation in the findings by making positive determinations for reasons 2A and 5, to include more detail in the project description, and to change one of the findings from negative 3 to negative 4. She explained that she had discussed this with Heidi Davis at DEP, who agreed that these corrections could be made without re-opening the public hearing. Ms. Bagdonas also stated that the signature page did not have to be re-signed. A motion was made by Mr. Wirth and seconded by Mr. Guardino to approve the corrections as described and written on replacement pages; the motion passed 4-0-0.

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The commission requested that all outstanding minutes be sent to them again via email.

Order of Conditions Link

Ms. Bagdonas mentioned that the new standard conditions format did not include the state general conditions. She stated that a disclaimer and an additional link to the State Order of Conditions form should be posted on the Town web site along with the special conditions model.

10 Highland Avenue

The commission decided to postpone discussion of the recent correspondence for 10 Highland Avenue.

Bylaw Discussion

Mr. Willson began the discussion with an introduction to the proposed revisions to the Town of Bedford Wetlands Protection Bylaw and Regulations. Mr. Willson described the process he developed for noting the existing language, his revisions and further revisions made in a meeting with commission members Steven Hagan and John Britton, and the format used in the document that he had emailed to the commission members and staff. The commission agreed to postpone discussion until the next meeting, scheduled for April 22, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Minutes prepared by Elizabeth Bagdonas.

Minutes approved at meeting of April 22, 2015.