

**BEDFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**October 12, 2016**  
**Selectmen's Conference Room**  
**Town Hall, Bedford, MA**

**PRESENT:** Steven Hagan, Chair; John Britton, Vice-Chair; Joseph Guardino, Clerk; Allan Wirth; Tim Gray; Andreas Uthoff; Lori Eggert  
Elizabeth Bagdonas, Conservation Administrator;  
Stephanie Ide, Conservation Department Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

**Request for Determination of Applicability: 52 Hancock Street**

Mr. Neil McKenna was present before the Commission to discuss the proposed removal of an asphalt driveway and a concrete walkway and the construction of a pervious paver driveway and walkway within the 100-foot buffer zone to isolated vegetated wetland. The Commission agreed that reduction in impervious surface is always an improvement.

A motion was made by Mr. Britton and seconded by Mr. Uthoff to issue a negative Determination for reason 3 and a positive Determination for reason 5. The motion passed 7-0-0, after which the Determination was signed.

**Request for Determination of Applicability: Concord Boat Landing**

Mr. Conor Wisentaner of Boy Scout Troop 114 was present before the Commission to discuss the proposed construction and installation of a kiosk and bench within Bordering Land Subject to Flooding and Riverfront Area to the Concord River, and within the 100-foot buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland. Mr. Wisentaner stated that the existing kiosk is in disrepair. The project will involve poison ivy control which will be done using a mixture of soap, bleach and salt which has been quite effective. Ms. Bagdonas said that she had recently met with Ms. Kristin Dowdy of the Department of Public Works at the boat landing and they had discussed a possible change in the location of the kiosk. The details of the possible change in location can be figured out at a later date. Ms. Bagdonas stated that although the kiosk will be located within the floodplain, it will not result in any flood storage loss because the existing kiosk is being replaced. Mr. Britton stated that the existing location of the kiosk makes it difficult for vehicles with boat trailers to enter and exit. Mr. Uthoff said that left of the dock would be the ideal location for the kiosk in order to make it easier for boat trailers to maneuver.

A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Britton to issue a negative Determination for reason 2 and a positive Determination for reason 5. The motion passed 7-0-0, after which the Determination was signed.

### **Certificate of Compliance: Lot 1, #3 Irene Road**

Mr. Paul Marcus was present before the Commission to request a Certificate of Compliance for Lot 1, #3 Irene Road. A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Gray to issue a Certificate of Compliance for 3 Irene Road with the following continuing conditions of the Order: 27, 44, 45 & 46. The motion passed 7-0-0, after which the Certificate of Compliance was signed.

Mr. Marcus explained that the design of the last lot in the development required a lot of fill. Mr. Marcus has a client interested in the purchase of that lot who would like a walk out basement that requires less fill and the construction of two retaining walls. The existing fill slope will be naturalized with native trees and shrubs. This enhancement will be extended into the area beyond the back yard. A new site plan will be submitted. Ms. Bagdonas stated that this would be a good reduction of the slope with more of a natural transition. The Commission agreed that less fill on the site would be a good thing. A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Guardino to approve the request as a minor project change. The motion passed 7-0-0.

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A motion was made by and seconded by to approve the minutes of September 28, 2016 as written. The motion passed 6-0-0.

### **602 Springs Road:**

Mr. Richard Iovino was present before the Commission to discuss a proposed project change at 602 Springs Road. Mr. Iovino stated that he needs to temporarily work within the 25 foot buffer zone to bordering vegetated wetland in order to break up ledge. Presently the erosion control line cannot be installed where it was proposed due to ledge. However, an additional wattle was installed between the large rocks close to the 25 foot buffer boundary. Once the ledge is broken up the erosion control will be placed in its permanent location. Mr. Iovino also stated that a large tree will be removed and the stump will only be removed if it needs to be.

A motion was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Mr. Uthoff to approve the temporary work to take place within the 25 foot buffer zone to BVW at 602 Springs Road. The motion passed 7-0-0.

### **56 Evergreen Avenue:**

Ms. Bagdonas explained that the proposed street widening on Evergreen Avenue will be less intrusive as the expansion will be paved with pervious pavement and no infiltration trench will be necessary.

A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Gray to approve the proposed change as minor, less intrusive change as documented. The motion passed 7-0-0.

### **Order of Conditions: 5 Curve Street**

The Commission reviewed and discussed the draft Order of Conditions as prepared by Ms. Bagdonas for 5 Curve Street. Ms. Bagdonas' recommended that the Commission require an updated plan that shows the 10 year flood plain as well as remaining 10 feet away from the boulders on the property and letting the area return to a natural state. The Commission discussed Ms. Bagdonas recommendations at great length. Ms. Bagdonas will e-mail the revisions to the Order to the Commission prior to its issuance. A motion was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Mr. Uthoff to approve and issue the Order of Conditions as discussed and revised, pending revisions to be made by Ms. Bagdonas. The motion passed 7-0-0, after which the Order of Conditions was signed.

### **ATV Use on Conservation Lands & Trails:**

Mr. Gray told the Commission that he has seen ATV use on Conservation Lands. The Commission discussed the issue.

### **Funding of Eagle Scout Projects:**

The Commission discussed the funding of Eagle Scout projects. Ms. Bagdonas explained what each of the Commission's accounts can be used for. After some discussion the Commission agreed that until they receive a larger budget they will not fund any Eagle Scout projects. Mr. Hagan will request funding for Eagle Scout projects from the CPC and the Commission will direct future requests for Eagle Scout project funding to the Trails Committee. Ms. Bagdonas will also speak with the Scout Leader.

### **Election of Officers:**

A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Gray to conduct the Election of Officers for the Conservation Commission. The motion passed 7-0-0. A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Gray to nominate Mr. John Britton for Chair of the Conservation Commission. The motion passed 6-0-0. A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Gray to nominate Mr. Joseph Guardino for Vice-Chair of the Conservation Commission. The motion passed 6-0-0. A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Gray to nominate Mr. Steven Hagan for Clerk of the Conservation Commission. The motion passed 6-0-0.

*A motion was made by Mr. Britton and seconded by Mr. Uthoff to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 7-0-0.*

*Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.*

*Minutes prepared by Stephanie Ide.*

*Minutes approved at meeting of October 26, 2016.*