

BEDFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting

October 17, 2012

Selectmen's Conference Room

Town Hall, Bedford, MA

PRESENT: Tim Gray, Chair; Steven Hagan, Vice-Chair; John Willson, Clerk; Lori Eggert; Art Smith; Allan Wirth; Andreas Uthoff
Stephanie Ide, Conservation Department Assistant

ABSENT: Elizabeth Bagdonas, Conservation Administrator

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Mr. Gray read the Public Record Statement as approved by Town Counsel on 9/10/12.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the minutes of September 5, 2012 and September 12, 2012. The motion passed 6-0-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the minutes of September 26, 2012. The motion passed 6-0-0.

Request for Determination of Applicability: 20 Railroad Avenue

A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the public notice. The motion passed 6-0-0. Ms. Brenda Peacock was present before the Commission on behalf of the Bedford Housing Authority to discuss the proposed replacement of an existing crushed stone driveway with permeable pavers, replacement of an existing sinking concrete front pathway to allow wheelchair accessibility and the repair of brick walkways and patios within the 100-foot buffer zone to bordering vegetated wetland. Mr. Gray stated that the impervious surface calculations show a reduction.

A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Smith to issue a positive Determination for reason five and a negative Determination for reason three. The motion passed 6-0-0. The Determination was then signed.

Request for Determination of Applicability: 27 Dunelm Road

A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the public notice. The motion passed 7-0-0. Mr. Ben Osgood of Pennoni Associates was present on behalf of Mr. Jason Brickman of Speedwagon Partners to discuss the proposed demolition of an existing house and construction of a new house within the 100-foot buffer zone to bordering vegetated wetland.

A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Smith to issue a positive Determination for reason five and a negative Determination for reason three. The motion passed 7-0-0. The Determination was then signed.

Lantern Lane Bridge:

The Commission reviewed the proposal for Structural Engineer Services regarding the Lantern Lane footbridge. TEC's services proposed at \$1,350.00 would include a site visit to inspect the bridge, a code review, a structural review and a report summarizing findings including alternative design concepts if a new bridge is necessary. Mr. Uthoff felt that the money could be better spent on a new bridge. Mr. Smith agreed and stated that the Commission could ask for a Request for Proposal (RFP). Mr. Smith added that the Trails Committee and the residents of Lantern Lane should be involved in the process.

A motion was made by Mr. Hagan and seconded by Mr. Willson to deny the proposal from TEC. The motion passed 7-0-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Wirth to instruct the Department of Public Works to leave the existing bridge in place while the Conservation Commission seeks an RFP for the design of a new bridge for Lantern Lane. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Bedford Circuit Trail Discussion:

Members of the Bedford Trails Committee discussed the idea of developing a Circuit Trail in Bedford. Mr. Gray stated that it would be great if the Commission could endorse the idea in spirit. There was a brief discussion on acquiring possible easements.

Certificate of Compliance: 55 Middlesex Turnpike

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Eggert to issue the Certificate of Compliance for 55 Middlesex Turnpike as prepared by Ms. Bagdonas. The motion passed 7-0-0, after which it was signed.

Certificate of Compliance: 41-43 Concord Road

Mr. Hagan recused himself. A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Smith to issue the Partial Certificate of Compliance as it pertains to the bylaw Order of Conditions for 41-43 Concord Road as prepared by Ms. Bagdonas. The motion passed 6-0-0, after which it was signed.

Bills Payable:

A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Smith to issue payment to Oxbow Gardens for lawn service at Jordan Gardens on September 6, 2012 and September 26, 2012 in the amount of \$100.00. The motion passed 7-0-0, after which the bills payable form was signed.

A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Willson to issue payment to the Community Newspaper Company for the Athletic Fields Continuation legal notice in the amount of \$59.15 from the Conservation Fund. The motion passed 7-0-0, after which the bills payable form was signed.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Dr. Wirth to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 7-0-0, adjourning the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Stephanie Ide.

Minutes approved at meeting of November 14, 2012.