

BEDFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting
October 28, 2015
Selectmen's Meeting Room
Town Hall, Bedford, MA

PRESENT: John Britton, Vice-Chair; Joseph Guardino, Clerk; Andreas Uthoff; John Willson; Allan Wirth; Lori Eggert
Stephanie Ide, Conservation Department Assistant

ABSENT: Steven Hagan, Chair
Elizabeth Bagdonas, Conservation Administrator

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Mr. Britton read the Public Record Statement as approved by Town Counsel on 9/10/12.

Trails Committee:

Ms. Adrienne St. John and Ms. Kristin Dowdy were present before the Commission to discuss the proposed installation of bog bridges on various existing trails under an Order of Conditions that was issued in June of 2015 which required the Trails Committee to appear before the Commission to discuss the specifics of the bog bridge installations. The Trails Committee would like to request permission to install bog bridges within the Governor Winthrop Conservation Area, Huckins Farm, Old Reservoir, Peppergrass Brook Conservation Area and the Town Campus. The Commission discussed the memo of October 27, 2015 written by Ms. Bagdonas. Ms. St. John agreed to discuss any concerns with Ms. Bagdonas directly.

The Commission approved the proposed locations and installation of bog bridges as discussed.

Request for Determination of Applicability: 314 Great Road

A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the public notice. The motion passed 4-0-0. Ms. Adrienne St. John and Ms. Kristin Dowdy of the Town of Bedford Department of Public Works were present before the Commission to discuss the proposed installation of a shed partially within the 200-foot Riverfront Area to Elm Brook. The Shed will be installed on existing pavement in the Department of Public Works parking lot.

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

Request for Determination of Applicability: 62 Dunster Road

A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the public notice. The motion passed 4-0-0. Mr. Kevin Latady of Latady Design, LLC was present on behalf of Patricia Boland for the proposed installation of two window wells curbed with 6" wide granite curbs within the 100-foot buffer zone to bordering vegetated wetland. Mr. Latady stated that there will be 16 square feet of curbing installed within the buffer zone.

A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Wirth to issue a positive Determination for reasons one and five and a negative Determination for reason three. The motion passed 5-0-0, after which the Determination was signed.

Request for Determination of Applicability: 170/172 Middlesex Turnpike

A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the public notice. The motion passed 5-0-0. Ms. Jennifer Howe of Symmes Maini & McKee Associates and Mr. Scott Weiss of the Gutierrez Company were present before the Commission to discuss the proposed parking lot construction and grading within the 100-foot buffer zone to bordering vegetated wetland. Mr. Weiss stated that the emergency roadway connection has been removed from the previously approved project. If the emergency connection is needed in the future the Commission will review it under a new filing.

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

Public Hearing – Notice of Intent: 602 Springs Road

A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the public notice. The motion passed 5-0-0. Mr. Mark Sleger of Alan Engineering, LLC was present before the Commission with Mr. Mark Sardzinki, owner of 602 Springs Road, to discuss the proposed construction of a single family house and associated driveway, retaining wall, grading and utilities within the 100-foot buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

Mr. Sleger stated that the total impervious surface calculations for the proposed construction will be at 18%. The Commission discussed drainage for the lot. Mr. Britton pointed out that it would be best to put in a second culvert at the top of the driveway closest to the house to improve the natural flow to the wetland. Mr. John Garritty of 564 Springs Road stressed the importance of including a second culvert under the driveway to continue the natural flow of drainage. Mr. Kevin Egan of 594 Springs Road expressed his unhappiness with the location of the proposed house due to the fact that the new house will be his new view from his residence. He also stated that he believes there will be problems with construction due to the presence of ledge. The Commission asked the applicant to come back before them with an amended plan which should include an additional culvert under the top portion of the driveway and to replace the proposed erosion control wattles with haybales.

A motion was made by Mr. Willson and seconded by Mr. Guardino to continue the public hearing to the meeting of November 18, 2015. The motion passed 5-0-0. The Commission will discuss the Order of Conditions at the meeting of November 18, 2015.

Bills Payable:

A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Britton to issue payment to Oxbow Gardens in the amount of \$100.00 from the Jordan Gardens Account for lawn services on May 19, 2015 and May 30, 2015. The motion passed 6-0-0, after which the bills payable form was signed.

A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Britton to issue payment to Oxbow Gardens in the amount of \$100.00 from the Jordan Gardens Account for lawn services on July 14, 2015 and July 27, 2015. The motion passed 6-0-0, after which the bills payable form was signed.

A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Britton to issue payment to Oxbow Gardens in the amount of \$150.00 from the Jordan Gardens Account for lawn services on September 4, 2015, September 26, 2015 and October 12, 2015. The motion passed 6-0-0, after which the bills payable form was signed.

Horses on Conservation Land

The Commission would like to discuss this matter at the meeting of November 18, 2015.

A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Willson to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 6-0-0 adjourning the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

The minutes were prepared by Stephanie Ide.

The minutes were approved at the meeting of December 16, 2015.