

BEDFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting
November 5, 2014
Selectmen's Meeting Room
Town Hall, Bedford, MA

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

ABSENT: Allan Wirth
Elizabeth Bagdonas, Conservation Administrator

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

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

Request for Determination of Applicability: 46 Wildwood Drive

A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the public notice. The motion passed 5-0-0. Mr. Arnold Gould was present before the Commission to discuss the proposed installation of a fence within the 100-foot buffer zone to bordering vegetated wetland. Ms. Bagdonas and Mr. Guardino went to the site on October 30th to look at two possible isolated wetlands within 100-feet of the proposed fence. No part of the fence will be located within 50-feet of the possible isolated wetlands. The Commission discussed a condition that Ms. Bagdonas had recommended in her memo dated November 3, 2014. Mr. Uthoff stated that he does not agree with the recommended condition. Both Mr. Britton and Mr. Hagan agreed.

A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Guardino to issue a negative Determination for reasons three and four and a positive Determination for reasons five and six without any conditions. The motion passed 5-0-0, after which the Determination was signed.

Public Hearing – Notice of Intent: 4 Fern Way

A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the public notice. The motion passed 6-0-0. Mr. Anthony Carbrello was present before the Commission to discuss the proposed foundation repair and waterproofing, deck with roof, driveway replacement and patio within the Riverfront Area to Mongo Brook, Bordering Land Subject to Flooding and the 100-foot buffer zones to Bordering Land Subject to Flooding and Bordering Vegetated Wetland. A site visit was conducted by Ms. Bagdonas and Mr. Guardino. Mr. Carbrello stated that an area equal to the patio area is proposed as a compensation area and included that the current driveway is paved and will be replaced with pervious pavers which will reduce the impervious surface calculations for the property. Ms. Ide informed the Commission that it is very important that the elevations remain the same as the project is within floodplain. This will include requiring

measurements of the elevations within the project areas before and after the proposed projects are completed.

A motion was made and seconded to close the public hearing. The motion passed 6-0-0. The Order of Conditions will be discussed at the meeting of December 3, 2014.

Public Hearings – Notices of Intent: Irene Road & Lots 1, 3 and 4 Irene Road

A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the public notices. The motion passed 6-0-0. Mr. Michael Seekamp of Seekamp Environmental Consulting, Inc., Mr. Al Gala of GSA who is the engineer for the subdivision and Mr. Paul Marcus of PJM Construction were present before the Commission to discuss the proposed roadway construction, grading and drainage on the open space parcel of a four-lot subdivision which is within the 100-foot buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland; A Bylaw Notice of Intent to discuss the construction of a single family house and associated driveway, utilities, grading and landscaping on Lot 1 Irene Road which is within the 100-foot buffer zone to an Isolated Wetland; and the construction of two single family houses, associated site grading, utilities and landscaping within the 100-foot buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland on Lots 3 and 4 Irene Road.

Mr. Gala stated that the project will require bringing in clean fill onto the site to build up the lots approximately 10-12 feet in order to avoid the construction of a sewer pumping station. The higher elevation of the lots will allow for the lots to tie into the sewer line by natural gravity flow. The lots will be tied into the existing sewer line within Pine Hill Road. The Commission expressed concern over the amount of fill that will need to be trucked onto the site.

Mr. Seekamp stated that he has received Ms. Bagdonas's e-mail request for clarifications and the Department of Public Works comments. Mr. Seekamp and the Commission agreed that the public hearings should be postponed in order to allow time to respond to Ms. Bagdonas and DPW's comments.

A motion was made by Mr. Guardino and seconded by Ms. Eggert to continue the public hearings to the meeting of December 3, 2014 at which time the Orders of Conditions will also be discussed. The motion passed 6-0-0.

224 & 226 Carlisle Road Project Change:

Mr. Manny Amigo and Mr. Russ Traywick of Premium Homes were present before the Commission to discuss the installation of a fence at both 224 and 226 Carlisle Road. This would be a change to the original approved decisions. Both fences will be within the 100-foot buffer to Bordering Land Subject to Flooding at the front of both properties.

A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Britton to consider the fence installations a minor change. The motion passed 6-0-0.

Mr. Amigo requested that the Commission approve the fill to be used at 224 and 226 Carlisle Road. The fill will be clean fill with no ABC material from 160 Great Road. The Commission approved the use of the fill from 160 Great Road.

10 Dudley Road:

Mr. Amigo stated that the Order of Conditions states that no snow is to be stored within the 50-foot buffer to Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW). Mr. Amigo would like to request a temporary modification to the Order of Conditions allowing the temporary storage of snow within the 50-foot buffer zone to BVW for this winter only as the project is still under construction and all erosion control measures are still in place.

A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Guardino to approve the 50-foot buffer to BVW located at the end of the driveway as a temporary snow storage location. The motion passed 6-0-0.

180 Hartwell Road Project Change:

Mr. Curtis Quitzau of VHB and Mr. Kyle Smith of Instrumentation Laboratory were present before the Commission to discuss a project change to the approved Order of Conditions for 180 Hartwell Road. Mr. Quitzau stated that Instrumentation Laboratory would like to plant some trees as a visual barrier for the Hartwell Farms residents as discussed with the Planning Board. Ms. Ide informed the Commission that the trees are proposed to be planted within a swale which is not a suitable location. Ms. Ide stated that Ms. Bagdonas recommends that the trees be planted behind the fence. The Commission told the applicant to discuss the planting plan with Ms. Bagdonas which Ms. Bagdonas may approve.

Certificate of Compliance: 4 Willard Circle

A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Guardino to issue the Certificate of Compliance for 4 Willard Circle. The motion passed 6-0-0, after which the Certificate was signed.

Order of Conditions: 6 MacIntosh Road

The Commission reviewed the draft Order of Conditions for 6 MacIntosh Road. A motion was made by Mr. Britton and seconded by Mr. Guardino to approve the Order of Conditions for 6 MacIntosh Road as drafted by Ms. Bagdonas. The motion passed 4-0-0, after which the Order of Conditions was signed.

A motion was made by Ms. Eggert and seconded by Mr. Guardino to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 4-0-0 adjourning the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

The minutes were prepared by Stephanie Ide.

The minutes were approved at the meeting of December 3, 2014.