

BEDFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting
December 17, 2014
Selectmen's Meeting Room
Town Hall, Bedford, MA

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

ABSENT: Allan Wirth

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

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

Continuation of Request for Determination of Applicability: 26 Sweetwater Ave.

Mr. Robert Siegler was present before the Commission to continue the discussion on the proposed removal of trees and vegetation and the installation of a retaining wall within the 100-foot buffer zones to bordering land subject to flooding and bordering vegetated wetland. Mr. Siegler stated that the erosion control line has been installed. Noonan & McDowell has completed their survey of the property and included both the wetland and floodplain lines on the plot plan. Ms. Bagdonas expressed her concern about the engineering of the wall

A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Guardino to continue the hearing to the meeting of January 14, 2015 at which time an engineered plan of the retaining wall which also shows any grading of the slope is to be submitted by Mr. Siegler. The motion passed 6-0-0.

Continuation of Public Hearing – Notice of Intent: 30 Brooksbie Road

Mr. Steven Eriksen of Norse Environmental Services and Mr. George & Bonnie McCulloch were present before the Commission to continue the discussion on the proposed demolition of a screen porch and concrete patio, relocation of a shed and construction of an addition, deck, stone infiltration trench, associated grading and utilities within the 100-foot buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

Mr. Eriksen stated that the owners are proposing to relocate the existing vinyl fence and shed to the wetland boundary and to let the wetland re-naturalize. A motion was made by Mr. Britton and seconded by Ms. Eggert to close the public hearing. The motion passed 5-0-1 with Mr. Uthoff abstaining. The Order of Conditions will be discussed at the meeting of January 14, 2015.

Continuation of Public Hearing – Notice of Intent: 236 Carlisle Road

Mr. Tom Hughes of Hughes Environmental Consulting, Mr. John Noonan of Noonan & McDowell and Mr. Michael McSorley were present before the Commission to continue the discussion on the proposed construction of an addition and deck within Bordering Land Subject to Flooding and the 100-foot buffer zones to Bordering Land Subject to Flooding and Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

Mr. Hughes stated that the applicant is proposing to remove a 114 square feet area of historic fill allowing it to restore to wetland. Mr. Hughes presented a graphic to the Commission that shows the 10 year floodplain on Carlisle Road, Davis Road and Bonnievale Drive trying to show that the project qualifies for a variance. Mr. Willson stated that this is not a compelling overriding interest. A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Hagan to continue the public hearing with the permission of the applicant. The motion passed 5-0-1 with Ms. Eggert abstaining.

Public Hearing – Notice of Intent: 26 Independence Road

A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the public notice. The motion passed 5-0-0. Ms. Mary Trudeau was present before the Commission on behalf of Bradley and Julie Rennich to discuss the proposed construction of an addition within the 100-foot buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland. Ms. Trudeau stated that the total existing and proposed impervious surface calculations for the site will be 8.7%. Ms. Bagdonas recommended that the Commission approve wetland flags 1-9 leaving out flag 10 on the delineation.

A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Hagan to close the public hearing. The motion passed 6-0-0. The Order of Conditions will be discussed at the meeting of January 14, 2015.

Public Hearing – Notice of Resource Area Delineation: 5 & 7 Alaska Avenue

A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the public notice. The motion passed 5-0-0. Ms. Mary Trudeau was present before the Commission on behalf of David Bernstein to request confirmation of the location of delineated wetland boundaries at 5 & 7 Alaska Avenue. Ms. Bagdonas conducted a site visit to review the wetland delineation with Ms. Trudeau. It was agreed that flags 12 and 13 would be moved upgradient of the stone wall and flag 14 was to be moved 30 feet closer onto the property. Wetland Flags 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 18 have not been reviewed or approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Britton to approve the delineation as discussed contingent upon receipt of the new survey plan reflecting the flag changes. The motion passed 6-0-0, after which the ORAD was signed.

Request for Amendment to the Order of Conditions: #103-0759 - 200 Hanscom Drive & 64 Hartwell Road

A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the public notice. The motion passed 5-0-0. Mr. Randy Christensen of Stantec Consulting and Mr. Tom Ennis

of the Massachusetts Port Authority were present before the Commission to discuss the proposed changes to the work originally proposed at 200 Hanscom Drive & 64 Hartwell Road which include the removal of 14 trees, stump grinding and the pruning of 2 trees on residential properties adjacent to the Jordan Conservation Area. The proposed project is within the 100-foot buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland. Mr. Christensen stated that the work is to be done in January or February.

A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Guardino to approve the Amendment to the Order of Conditions. The motion passed 5-0-1 with Ms. Eggert abstaining.

Salt Shed:

Ms. Kara Courneyer was before the Commission to discuss her concern over the proposed MassDot Salt Shed location. Ms. Courneyer stated that MassDot will be coming forward with the proposal to place the Salt Shed next to Vine Brook behind Meadowbrook Road.

40 Crosby Drive:

A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Hagan to amend the Order of Resource Area Delineation for 40 Crosby as discussed. The motion passed 6-0-0.

180 Hartwell Road:

A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Hagan to issue the Emergency Certification for beaver control. The motion passed 5-0-1 with Ms. Eggert abstaining.

Order of Conditions: Irene Road Lots

The Commission discussed and reviewed the draft Orders of Conditions for the subdivision on Irene Road as prepared by Ms. Bagdonas.

A motion was made by Mr. Guardino and seconded by Mr. Britton to issue the Order of Conditions for the Irene Road Roadway. The motion passed 6-0-0. The Order was then signed.

A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Britton to issue the Order of Conditions for Lot 1, Irene Road. The motion passed 6-0-0. The Order was then signed.

A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Britton to issue the Order of Conditions for Lot 3 and Lot 4, Irene Road. The motion passed 6-0-0. The Orders were then signed.

Certificate of Compliance: 14 Donovan Drive

A motion was made by Mr. Britton and seconded by Ms. Eggert to issue the Certificate of Compliance for 14 Donovan Drive contingent upon installation of the permanent bounds which should be verified at a site visit conducted by the Commission or the Administrator. The funds should be released when the Certificate of Compliance is issued. The motion passed 6-0-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Britton to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 5-0-0 adjourning the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

The minutes were prepared by Stephanie Ide.

The minutes were approved at the meeting of April 22, 2015.