

BEDFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting
December 3, 2014
Selectmen's Meeting Room
Town Hall, Bedford, MA

PRESENT: John Willson, Chair; John Britton, Clerk; Joseph Guardino; Allan Wirth;
Andreas Uthoff
Elizabeth Bagdonas, Conservation Administrator;
Stephanie Ide, Conservation Department Assistant

ABSENT: Steven Hagan, Vice-Chair; Lori Eggert

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.

Fawn Lake Preservation Study:

Ms. Adrienne St. John of the Department of Public Works and Ms. Jessica Cajigas of CEI were present before the Commission to present a PowerPoint presentation on the Fawn Lake Preservation Study. Ms. Chicagus stated that there were 57 monitoring points which were GPS located. Sediment and water depth measurements were taken, plants were surveyed and sediment samples were taken. The water depth ranges from 0.7 feet to 5.3 feet with sediment depth of between 0 to 6 feet within Fawn Lake. The cost of plant debris removal will be discussed in a Matrix of options analysis as well as re-use options for the removed plant materials. The PowerPoint presentation will be available on the Town Website.

Continuation of Public Hearing – Notice of Intent: Irene Road & Lots 1, 3 and 4 Irene Road

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 continue the discussion on 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 was also submitted for 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 NOI's for 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 all of DPW's comments have been addressed. A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Britton to close the public hearing. The motion

passed 5-0-0. The Orders of Conditions will be discussed at the meeting of December 17, 2014.

Request for Determination of Applicability: 26 Sweetwater Avenue

A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the public notice. The motion passed 5-0-0. Mr. Robert Siegler was present before the Commission to discuss 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. Ms. Bagdonas conducted a site visit and recommended that Mr. Siegler hire an engineer to design his retaining wall. Mr. Britton recommended a landscape engineer or architect. Mr. Siegler stated that he will put erosion control measures in place immediately in order to stabilize the disturbed ground surface. A motion was made by Mr. Wirth and seconded by Mr. Guardino to enter Ms. Jepsons letter regarding the project at 26 Sweetwater Avenue into the record. The motion passed 5-0-0. A motion was made and seconded to continue the public hearing. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Request for Determination of Applicability: 54 Notre Dame Road

A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the public notice. The motion passed 5-0-0. Mr. Jon O'Connor was present before the Commission to discuss the proposed installation of a fence within the 100-foot buffer zone to bordering vegetated wetland.

A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Britton to issue a negative Determination for reason three and a positive Determination for reason five. The motion passed 5-0-0, after which the Determination was signed. Ms. Bagdonas asked Mr. O'Connor to remove some storage materials from the 25-foot buffer zone.

Request for Determination of Applicability: 167 Great Road

A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the public notice. The motion passed 5-0-0. Mr. Matt Hammer of Robert Gill Associates and Ms. Maureen Duffy of the Bedford Funeral Home were present before the Commission to discuss the proposed reconstruction of a parking lot and driveway of Bedford Funeral Home which is within the 100-foot buffer zone to bordering vegetated wetland. The site visit revealed a large area of landscape debris within the wetland. The project will include restoration of this area as shown on the revised plan.

A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Britton to issue a negative Determination for reason three and a positive Determination for reason five with the following condition:

1. Dumping of yard waste is prohibited within 25-feet of bordering vegetated wetland.

The motion passed 5-0-0, after which the Determination was signed.

Public Hearing – Notice of Resource Area Delineation: 40 Crosby Road

A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the public notice. The motion passed 5-0-0. Mr. Ryan Bianchetto of Allen & Major Associates was present before the Commission on behalf of John Hirsh of JC/SMP Bedford Owners LLC to discuss the proposed wetland delineation at 40 Crosby Drive. Ms. Bagdonas conducted a site visit. The wetland flags were discussed and adjustments will be reflected on a revised plan.

A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Wirth to approve the delineation for 40 Crosby Drive conditional on receipt of a revised plan. The motion passed 5-0-0. The Order of Resource Area Delineation was then signed.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Guardino to approve the minutes of September 24, 2014 as written. The motion passed 5-0-0. A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Britton to approve the minutes of October 8, 2014 as written. The motion passed 5-0-0. A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Guardino to approve the minutes of November 5, 2014 as written. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Public Hearing – Notice of Intent: 236 Carlisle Road

A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the public notice. The motion passed 5-0-0. Mr. Tom Hughes of Hughes Environmental Consulting and Mr. John Noonan of Noonan & McDowell were present before the Commission on behalf of Mr. Michael McSorley to discuss the proposed construction of an addition, deck and garage within Bordering Land Subject to Flooding and the 100-foot buffer zones to Bordering Land Subject to Flooding and Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

With the agreement of the applicants a motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Wirth to continue the public hearing to the meeting of December 17, 2014. The motion passed 5-0-0.

195 Carlisle Road:

Mr. Genetti was present before the Commission to discuss the proposed project change at 195 Carlisle Road. Mr. Genetti explained to the Commission that he would like to construct a pervious patio beneath the deck. A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Britton to approve the patio as a minor modification contingent upon receipt of impervious surface calculations. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Order of Conditions: 4 Fern Way

The Commission reviewed the draft Order of Conditions as prepared by Ms. Bagdonas. A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Britton to issue the

Order of Conditions as discussed. The motion passed 5-0-0, after which the Order of Conditions was signed.

Certificate of Compliance: 195 South Road

A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Britton to issue the Certificate of Compliance for 195 South Road. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Certificate of Compliance: 4 Willard Circle

A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Britton to issue the Certificate of Compliance for 4 Willard Road. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Bills Payable:

A motion was made by Mr. Britton and seconded by Mr. Uthoff to approve payment of \$90.00 from the Conservation Fund to cover the remaining amount due for the Clark Conservation Area Sign that was not covered by the Community Preservation funding. The motion passed 5-0-0.

8 Alfred Circle:

Ms. Bagdonas explained that the owner of 8 Alfred Circle would like the Commission to approve the Request for a Certificate of Compliance without doing the plantings that were required in the Order of Conditions. The Commission stated that the plantings must be completed prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Compliance.

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 10:15 pm.

The minutes were prepared by Stephanie Ide.

The minutes were approved at the meeting of February 11, 2015.