

BEDFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting
February 24, 2016
Selectmen's Meeting Room
Town Hall, Bedford, MA

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

ABSENT: Andreas Uthoff; John Willson

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

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

Trails Committee 2015 Annual Report:

Mr. Michael Barbehenn, Chair of the Trails Committee, Ms. Adrienne St. John and Ms. Kristin Dowdy of the Department of Public Works along with numerous members and participants of the Trails Committee were present before the Commission to discuss the 2015 Annual Trails Report. The Commission watched a PowerPoint presentation. The 2015 Bedford Trails Committee Annual Report will be available to review on the Town of Bedford Website. A motion was made by Ms. Eggert and seconded by Mr. Wirth to accept the 2015 Trails Report. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Request for Determination of Applicability: 28 Independence Road

Mr. John Harris & Ms. Caryn Libbey were both present before the Commission to continue the discussion on the proposed construction of two decks within the 100-foot buffer zone to bordering vegetated wetland. Ms. Libby stated that they are not proposing to install a hot tub or an elevator at this time. Ms. Libby is requesting permission to build the two decks only.

A motion was made by Mr. Guardino 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. A certified plot plan locating the proposed decks and the buffer zones to wetland is to be submitted to the Commission prior to the start of construction.

The motion passed 3-2-0, with Mr. Wirth and Ms. Eggert voting against. The Determination was then signed.

Request for Determination of Applicability: 28 Pine Street

Ms. Fay Russo & Mr. Michael Dill were present before the Commission to discuss the proposed second floor addition with a covered landing to the front entrance and the removal of 9 trees within Riverfront Area to a Perennial Stream and the 100-foot buffer zone to bordering vegetated wetland. Mr. Dill presented the Commission with a planting plan that depicts two planting areas which will be native low growing species.

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

1. Photographs of the two proposed planting areas are required to be submitted to the Conservation Commission within three years.

The motion passed 3-2-0 with Mr. Wirth and Ms. Eggert voting against.

Public Hearing – Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation: 40-44 Wiggins Avenue

Ms. Nichole Dunphy of Highpoint Engineering and Mr. John Richad of Ecotec were present before the Commission on behalf of Tom Congoran of Longfellow Real Estate Partners to request confirmation of the location of delineated wetland boundaries at 40-44 Wiggins Avenue. Mr. Richad and Ms. Bagdonas walked the site. A revised Delineation plan was submitted that reflects the requested changes to flags.

A motion was made by Mr. Britton and seconded by Mr. Wirth to approve the delineation as presented in the revised plan. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Order of Resource Area Delineation: 40-44 Wiggins Avenue

A motion was made by Mr. Britton and seconded by Mr. Wirth to issue the Order of Resource Area Delineation for 40-44 Wiggins Avenue. The motion passed 5-0-0, after which it was signed.

Order of Conditions: 14 Bonnievale Drive

The Commission reviewed the draft Order of Conditions for 14 Bonnievale Drive as prepared by Ms. Bagdonas. A motion was made by Mr. Britton and seconded by Mr. Wirth to issue the Order of Conditions for 14 Bonnievale Drive as written and modified. The motion passed 4-0-0. The Commission did not sign the Order of Conditions but decided to wait to sign it once they review the documents that they received tonight which was after the close of the public hearing.

Preparation for Town Meeting:

The Conservation Commission reviewed and discussed revisions by Town Counsel. Mr. Hagan also stated that a PowerPoint presentation has been prepared for town meeting.

Feno Markers:

The Commission agreed to use feno markers when requiring a post to demarcate a buffer zone or wetland line.

Hartwell Town Forest:

The Department of Public Works would like to lay stone dust down on a trail within the Hartwell Forest. The Commission discussed how difficult it would be to remove and agreed that this was not a good idea.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

The minutes were prepared by Stephanie Ide.

The minutes were approved at the meeting of March 30, 2016.