

BEDFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting
February 27, 2013
Selectmen's Conference Room
Town Hall, Bedford, MA

PRESENT: Tim Gray, Chair; John Willson, Clerk; Lori Eggert; Art Smith; Allan Wirth
Elizabeth Bagdonas, Conservation Administrator; Stephanie Ide, Conservation
Department Assistant

ABSENT: Steven Hagan, Vice-Chair; Andreas Uthoff

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

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

Request for Determination of Applicability: 141 Page Road

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Wirth to waive the reading of the public notice. Mr. Chris Finneral was present before the Commission on behalf of Jamesco Development, Inc. to discuss the proposed construction use of lawn within the 100-foot buffer zone to bordering vegetated wetland. Mr. Finneral stated that he will be constructing a new house outside of the buffer zone but would like to use the existing lawn area, approximately 75 feet away from the wetland boundary, for the storage of construction materials and use of equipment in conjunction with the construction of the new house. Hay wattles and silt fencing will be installed.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Wirth 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.

5 Alfred Circle:

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Wirth to approve the letter as drafted by Town Counsel with the following revision to the last sentence:

The Commission acknowledges the location and extent of the crushed stone substantially as shown on the approved plan, and that the plan controls the owner's obligations in regard to the area where the crushed stone is placed. The motion passed 5-0-0.

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A motion was made by Mr. Willson and seconded by Mr. Wirth to approve the Executive Session minutes of January 23, 2013. The motion passed 5-0-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Willson to approve the minutes of February 13, 2013. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Tree Policy:

Ms. Bagdonas explained that she spoke with DEP regarding the currently approved tree policy. Ms. Bagdonas stated that applicants may be required to file an application with the Commission after the fact.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Wirth to approve the use of the words “may need to follow up” (in the last sentence of the third paragraph) within the tree policy. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Trail Maintenance Guidelines:

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Willson to approve the use of the word “many” before the word “trails” in the first line of the 9th paragraph of the trail maintenance guidelines. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Huckins Farm Trustee Meeting:

Mr. Willson explained that he attended a Huckins Farm Trustee meeting last evening and that the Commission and Trails Committee were discussed. He believes that the Huckins Farm Trustees aren't clear about the Commissions and Trails Committee requests regarding the conservation restriction and trails and suggested that Ms. Bagdonas meet with the Huckins Farm Trustees. Ms. Bagdonas and Mr. Willson will try to arrange a meeting.

Bio Map:

The Commission reviewed informational material and a bio map which shows habitat and rare species locations in Bedford.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Stephanie Ide.

Minutes approved at meeting of March 13, 2013.