

BEDFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting
March 9, 2016
Selectmen's Meeting Room
Town Hall, Bedford, MA

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

ABSENT: Andreas Uthoff; Lori Eggert

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.

6 Winchester Drive:

Ms. Pamela Brown of Brown & Brown, PC was present on behalf of Premium Homes, LLC to discuss the site visit required by the Determination at 6 Winchester Drive. Ms. Brown stated that she and Ms. Bagdonas established a provisional wetland line. The owners are requesting permission to remove yard waste and invasive species within the 50 foot buffer with a small bobcat or small excavator and to remove one triple trunk tree right at the edge of the 100-foot buffer zone. Ms. Brown also submitted a new plan to the Commission which shows a small change to the deck that was approved. The owners are requesting to do the currently proposed work under the recently issued Determination (DA). Ms. Bagdonas stated that the Commission could approve the removal of the tree under the tree policy.

A motion was made by Mr. Willson and seconded by Mr. Guardino to approve the proposed work under the existing DA.

Request for Determination of Applicability: 7 Aspen Circle

A motion was made by Mr. Willson and seconded by Mr. Wirth to postpone the hearing for 7 Aspen Circle to the meeting of March 30, 2016. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Public Hearing – Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation: 616 Springs Road

Mr. Brian DeVellis and Mr. David Bernstein were present before the Commission to discuss the proposed wetland delineation line at 616 Springs Road. Ms. Bagdonas and Ms. Trudeau walked the site and reviewed the wetland line. Mr. DeVellis submitted a revised plan showing three moved flags and 1 omitted flag as was requested

during the site walk. Ms. Bagdonas stated that flags 1 and 14 will not be approved because they are not located on the property.

A motion was made by Mr. Britton and seconded by Mr. Wirth to accept the delineation shown on the final plan. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Order of Resource Area Delineation: 616 Springs Road

A motion was made by Mr. Britton and seconded by Mr. Wirth to issue the Order of Resource Area Delineation for 616 Springs Road. The motion passed 5-0-0, after which the Order of Resource Area Delineation was signed.

12 Noreen Drive:

Mr. Yiyu Jia was present before the Commission with a representative to discuss the 12 pine trees that were removed without a permit from the Commission. Mr. Jia stated that he did not know that he needed a permit and that he has hired Ms. Mary Trudeau to look at the wetland. Ms. Bagdonas asked that the Commission let Mr. Jia come in with a Request for Determination of Applicability instead of issuing an Enforcement Order since Mr. Jia was so prompt in responding regarding the tree removal.

A motion was made by Mr. Britton and seconded by Mr. Wirth to waive the Enforcement Order and require Mr. Jia to submit a Request for Determination of Applicability with a formal delineation which should include the location of the cut trees for the meeting of March 30, 2016. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Mr. Willson and seconded by Mr. Guardino to approve the minutes of February 10, 2016 as written. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Hartwell Town Forest Path:

A motion was made by Mr. Willson and seconded by Mr. Guardino to allow the Department of Public Works to lay wood chips on the requested path in Hartwell Forest. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Preparation for Town Meeting:

Mr. Hagan requested that forty copies of both the existing bylaw and the bylaw with tracked changes that was e-mailed to Mr. Reed be made for Town Meeting.

Girl Scout Project at Fawn Lake:

Ms. Bagdonas stated that she has received a request from a group of girl scouts to remove non-native invasive plants and replace them with native plants in an existing

garden area at Fawn Lake without filing an application with the Commission. The Commission agreed that a filing was not necessary.

Request for Emergency Beaver Control – Jordan Conservation Area:

Ms. Bagdonas explained that she had received an e-mail from Massport requesting the Commission's approval to trap beaver within the Jordan Conservation Area. She said that it is not yet an emergency but Massport would like to be proactive. Mr. Hagan stated that the flooding due to beaver activity presents a very dangerous situation with birds. Mr. Hagan believes that the Commission should approve beaver trapping for the entire calendar year of 2016 if possible. Mr. Wirth stated that he would like Massport to come in and discuss what they want to do with the Commission. A motion was made by Mr. Willson and seconded by Mr. Wirth to approve the requested beaver trapping within Jordan Conservation Area but require Massport to come in with a plan for future beaver management. The motion passed 5-0-0.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The minutes were prepared by Stephanie Ide.

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