

BEDFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting
May 11, 2016
Selectmen's Meeting Room
Town Hall, Bedford, MA

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

ABSENT: Steven Hagan, Chair; Andreas Uthoff

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

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

Public Hearing – Notice of Intent: 18 Ashby Road

Mr. Guardino read the public notice. Ms. Mary Rimmer of Rimmer Environmental Consulting, Mr. Thad Berry of ASB Design Group and Mr. Gregory Merrill of EMD Millipore were present before the Commission on behalf of EMD Millipore to discuss the proposed stormwater management and drainage activities within the property at 18 Ashby Road and along Wiggins Avenue in Bedford, Massachusetts. The applicant proposes work within Bank, Land under Waterway, Bordering Vegetated Wetland, Bordering Land Subject to Flooding and the 100 foot buffer zones to Bank and Bordering Vegetated Wetland. The applicant also requests a waiver to the Town of Bedford Wetlands Protection Bylaw.

Ms. Rimmer stated that Millipore's parking lot runoff drains through a culvert into a ditch (Intermittent Stream) before draining into Hartwell Brook. Currently the ditch and culvert is clogged with approximately 12-14 inches of coarse sandy material. Six catch basins are proposed as well as removal of pavement on the south side of the road. The flow of the water was discussed. An Operation and Maintenance plan is proposed.

Mr. Britton read the Department of Environmental Protection's comments into the record. Ms. Bagdonas requested that the applicant provide a statement of compliance for each resource area. Ms. Bagdonas recommended that the applicant contact the reviewer at the Department of Environmental Protection to discuss their comments.

The applicant has been meeting with other boards regarding the subdivision and is requesting the Commission's input about the Planning Board and Department of Public Works request to put in a sidewalk along Evergreen Avenue and a trail connection through the property connecting to the Minuteman Bikeway. The wetland comes very close to the edge of the road at the beginning of Evergreen Avenue and the possible sidewalk cannot go on the other side of the road due to utilities and private property. The bike path would be located in upland near the existing garage which is going to be

removed. Ms. Bagdonas stated that the expansion of the roadway and the sidewalk might qualify as a limited project and recommended that the applicant look into that.

A motion was made by Mr. Willson and seconded by Mr. Wirth to continue the public hearing to the meeting of June 8, 2016 at the applicant's request. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Order of Conditions: 40-44 Wiggins Avenue

The Commission reviewed the draft Order of Conditions as prepared by Ms. Bagdonas. Ms. Bagdonas will revise the impervious surface calculations.

A motion was made by Mr. Wirth and seconded by Mr. Willson to issue the Order of Conditions for 40-44 Wiggins Avenue as discussed and revised. The motion passed 5-0-0, after which the Order was signed.

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A motion was made by Mr. Wirth and seconded by Mr. Willson to approve the minutes of April 27, 2016 as written. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Ratification of Emergency Certification: DPW

A motion was made by Mr. Willson and seconded by Mr. Wirth to ratify the Emergency Certification issued to the Department of Public Works for beaver control near a culvert on Concord Road. The motion passed 4-1-0, with Ms. Eggert abstaining. The Emergency Certification was then signed.

Trail Maintenance of York & Altmann Conservation Areas:

A motion was made by Mr. Wirth and seconded by Ms. Eggert to have Ms. Bagdonas write a letter to the Trails Committee stating that the Conservation Commission will maintain the trails within the York and Altmann Conservation Area due to the sensitive areas which the trails are located. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Summer Work Program:

Ms. Bagdonas stated that interviews for the Conservation summer work program will be happening soon and asked the Commission if anyone would be willing to be a monitor for the program. Ms. Eggert and Mr. Wirth volunteered to help monitor.

Beekeeping at Jordan Gardens:

Ms. Bagdonas informed the Commission that she has sent a letter to the Jordan gardeners polling them about bee keeping and that Town Counsel is reviewing the matter as well as the Jordan Gardens regulations.

Dog Signs in Conservation Areas:

Ms. Eggert has edited the dog signs and will be e-mailing the edited version to the Commission for their review.

Fawn Lake:

A motion was made by Mr. Wirth and seconded by Mr. Guardino for the removal of a select few limbs of trees at Fawn Lake by Mead Brothers. The motion passed 5-0-0.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The minutes were prepared by Stephanie Ide.

The minutes were approved at the meeting of June 22, 2016.