

**BEDFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**June 24, 2015**  
**Selectmen's Meeting Room**  
**Town Hall, Bedford, MA**

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

**ABSENT:** Andreas Uthoff

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.

**Request for Determination of Applicability: 22 Fox Run Road**

A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the public notice. The motion passed 6-0-0. Ms. Abby Unwalla was present before the Commission to discuss the proposed removal of 12 trees within the 100-foot buffer zone to bordering vegetated wetland. Ms. Bagdonas stated that all trees are outside of the 25-foot buffer zone.

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. The motion passed 6-0-0, after which the Determination was signed.

**Public Hearing – Notice of Intent: 97 Springs Road**

A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the public notice. The motion passed 6-0-0. Mr. Peter Bemis of Engineering Design Consultants, Inc. was present before the Commission on behalf of Rasiah Selvanaayagam to discuss the proposed demolition of an existing house and construction of a single family house and associated utilities, deck, storm water management system and associated grading within the 100-foot buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW). Mr. Bemis stated that the proposed house will remain outside of the 50-foot buffer zone to BVW and roof runoff will be 100% infiltrated. This lot had a previous Order of Conditions issued for a parking lot for a church facility project that did not go forward as planned. The new single family house project will have a total of 5% impervious surface for the lot.

Ms. Bagdonas recommended that the Commission hire an outside consultant to conduct a peer review of the wetland delineation. Mr. Hagan stated that the Town of Bedford should pay for the peer review because of the circumstances. Mr. Willson agreed and asked Ms. Bagdonas about the quotes that she has received. Ms. Bagdonas stated that she had received one quote from EcoTec for \$900.00. Ms. Bagdonas said that she feels that the applicant should pay for the peer review. Mr. Hagan stated the Commission has

the funds to pay for the review and requested that the Commission make a motion. A motion was made by Mr. Britton and seconded by Mr. Guardino to have the Bedford Conservation Commission pay for the peer review of 97 Springs Road not to exceed \$900.00. The motion passed 4-2-0 with Mr. Wirth and Ms. Eggert voting against.

A motion was made by Mr. Britton and seconded by Mr. Guardino to continue the public hearing to the meeting of July 8, 2015 with the applicant's permission pending the peer review of the wetland delineation. The motion passed 6-0-0.

### **Public Hearing - Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation: 56 Evergreen Avenue**

A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the public notice. The motion passed 6-0-0. Mr. Bryan Melanson of Melanson Development was present before the Commission to discuss the Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation requesting confirmation of the location of delineated wetland boundaries at 56 Evergreen Avenue, Bedford, MA. Mr. Melanson stated that he understands that the Commission will want a peer review of the wetland delineation done by Stamski and McNary and will be willing to pay for the review. Mr. Willson stated that due to the large size of the property and in this circumstance he agrees that the applicant should be required to pay for the peer review.

A motion was made by Mr. Britton and seconded by Mr. Willson to go forward with an independent consultant to be selected by the Conservation Commission and paid for by the applicant citing MGL 44 section 56G. The motion passed 6-0-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Guardino and seconded by Mr. Britton to hire Mr. Arthur Allen of EcoTec as the town's independent consultant to review the wetland delineation at 56 Evergreen Avenue. The motion passed 6-0-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Britton and seconded by Mr. Guardino to continue the public hearing to the meeting of July 8, 2015 with the applicant's permission. The motion passed 6-0-0.

### **Certificate of Compliance: 288 & 296 Davis Road**

A motion was made by Mr. Guardino and seconded by Mr. Britton to issue the Certificate of Compliance for 288 & 296 Davis Road. The motion passed 6-0-0.

### **ESS: 32 Shawsheen Avenue**

A motion was made by Mr. Britton and seconded by Mr. Wirth to approve Mr. Arthur Allen of EcoTec as the Environmental Site Supervisor for 32 Shawsheen Avenue. The motion passed 6-0-0.

### **Order of Conditions: Bog Bridges**

The Commission discussed the draft Order of Conditions for Bog Bridges as drafted by Ms. Bagdonas. Ms. Bagdonas explained to the Commission that this Order of Conditions will remain active for five years.

A motion was made by Mr. Willson and seconded by Mr. Wirth to issue the Order of Conditions subject to the revisions to specific conditions as discussed. The motion passed 6-0-0, after which the Order was signed.

*A motion was made by Mr. Willson and seconded by Mr. Britton to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 6-0-0 adjourning the meeting.*

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.*

*The minutes were prepared by Stephanie Ide.*

*The minutes were approved at the meeting of July 22, 2015.*