

BEDFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting
July 10, 2013
Selectmen's Conference Room
Town Hall, Bedford, MA

PRESENT: Steven Hagan, Chair; Allan Wirth, Clerk; Lori Eggert; Tim Gray
Elizabeth Bagdonas, Conservation Administrator; Stephanie Ide, Conservation
Department Assistant

ABSENT: John Willson, Vice-Chair; Andreas Uthoff

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

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

Request for Determination of Applicability: 5 Alfred Circle

Mr. Wirth read the public notice. Ms. Pamela Brown of Brown and Brown was present before the Commission on behalf of Mr. Arthur Mabbett to discuss the proposed repaving of the existing parking area within Bordering Land Subject to Flooding and within 100 feet of Bank and Land under Waterway/Watercourse. Ms. Brown stated that this project is part of an Order of Conditions that was previously issued by the Commission but that the applicant is not proceeding with the project outlined in the Order of Conditions at this time. The Request for Determination of Applicability is for the repaving only. The existing pavement will be pulled up and repaved with no increase in elevation or impervious surface. Erosion control is proposed at the edge of pavement.

The Commission reviewed the draft conditions and findings as prepared by Ms. Bagdonas and reviewed by Town Counsel to be included in the decision.

A motion was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Mr. Wirth to issue a negative Determination for reasons two and three and a positive Determination for reason five with all findings and conditions as prepared and discussed. The motion passed 4-0-0, after which the Determination was signed.

Request for Determination of Applicability: 5A Old Causeway Road within Redmond-Anderson Conservation Area

A motion was made by Mr. Gray and seconded to waive the reading of the public notice. The motion passed 4-0-0. Ms. Bagdonas was present before the Commission to discuss the proposed installation of boundary posts to define a pathway from Old Causeway Road within the Redmond-Anderson Conservation Area. The pathway lies within 100 feet of Bordering Land Subject to Flooding. Ms. Bagdonas stated that the homeowner who abuts the trail is concerned about people coming on to her property by her driveway because the trail is

not clearly marked. Ms. Bagdonas said that she would like to have the summer work crew install posts to clearly define the trail.

A motion was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Ms. Eggert to issue a negative Determination for reason three and a positive Determination for reason five. The motion passed 4-0-0, after which the Determination was signed. The Commission di

Bills Payable:

A motion was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Mr. Wirth to issue payment to Oxbow Gardens in the amount of \$100.00 from the Jordan Gardens Account for lawn services rendered on June 13, 2013 and June 27, 2013. The motion passed 4-0-0, after which the bills payable form was signed.

Fawn Lake Issues:

Ms. Bagdonas updated the Commission on a discussion that took place at the meeting of July 2, 2013. The Department of Public Works (DPW) would like to request Community Preservation Funding at Town Meeting to hire New England Environmental Society to evaluate certain areas at Fawn Lake and submit a proposal for restoration work.

A motion was made by Mr. Gray and seconded to invite Ms. St. John of the DPW in to discuss the situation at Fawn Lake at the meeting of July 24, 2013. The motion passed 4-0-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Mr. Wirth to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 4-0-0, adjourning the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Minutes were prepared by Stephanie Ide.

Minutes were approved at the meeting of July 24, 2013.