

BEDFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting
May 11, 2022
Zoom Remote Hearing
Bedford, MA

Present: Steve Hagan, Chair; Frank Richichi, Clerk; Deb Edinger;
Lori Eggert; Stacey Katz
Jeff Summers, Conservation Administrator
Stephanie Ide, Conservation Administrative Assistant

Mr. Hagan opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Request for Determination of Applicability: 138 Page Road

Ms. Jasmin Hofstetter was present before the Commission to discuss the proposed installation of a fence that had been previously installed within the 100-foot buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland. Ms. Hofstetter apologized for installing the fence without the proper permit as she didn't know that one was required. The closest distance from the fence to the wetland is approximately 60 feet and no vegetation was removed.

A motion was made by Ms. Edinger and seconded by Mr. Richichi to issue a positive Determination for reasons 2B and 5 and a negative Determination for reason 3 without conditions. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Request for Determination of Applicability: 49 Winterberry Way

Mr. Ellis Kriesberg was present before the Commission to discuss the proposed installation of a fence within the 100-foot buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland. The fence will be located within existing lawn and no vegetation is proposed to be removed.

A motion was made by Ms. Edinger and seconded by Ms. Eggert to issue a positive Determination for reasons 2B and five and a negative Determination for reason three without conditions. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Public Hearing – Notice of Intent: Bedfordshire Ponds

This proposed project is an Ecological Restoration Project for three ponds located within the golf course at the Bedfordshire Condominiums. The project is to improve water quality and habitat value through vegetation management by removing excessive overgrowth and invasive plant species while minimizing the opportunity for significant algae development. The ponds are proposed to be treated and applications will be performed by Massachusetts Certified Applicators in conformance with product instructions and the Massachusetts DCR Lakes and Ponds Program publications.

A motion was made by Ms. Katz and seconded by Ms. Eggert to continue the public hearing to the June meeting with the applicant's permission. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Certificate of Compliance, #103-0369: 35 Wiggins Ave, 45-47 Wiggins Ave & 6-8 Preston Court

A motion was made by Ms. Edinger and seconded by Mr. Richichi to issue the Certificate of Compliance for DEP# 103-0369. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Certificate of Compliance, #103-580: 373 North Road, Stephen Lane House

A motion was made by Ms. Katz and seconded by Mr. Richichi to issue the Certificate of Compliance for 373 North Road the Stephen Lane House. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Virtual/In-Person Meeting Discussion:

A motion was made and seconded to continue to conduct remote meetings at this time. The matter will be revisited at the July Conservation Commission meeting when the state extension to virtual meetings is set to expire. The motion passed 5-0-0.

A motion was made by Ms. Katz and seconded by Mr. Richichi to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Minutes prepared by Stephanie Ide.

Minutes approved at the meeting of July 13, 2022.