

TOWN OF WESTWOOD

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**Minutes: Conservation Commission Meeting Date: April 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
Location: Champaign Meeting Room, 50 Carby Street, Westwood, MA**

7:00 p.m.

The Conservation Commission meeting of April 27, 2016 gathers at 7:00 p.m. in the Champagne Meeting Room, 50 Carby Street with the following members present: Charles Pare, John Rogers, Todd Sullivan, Diane Hayes, Brian Gorman, Todd Weston and R. J. Sheer. Also present is Karon Skinner Catrone, Conservation Agent.

Approval of minutes – April 13, 2016 – Motion made by Mr. Rogers seconded by Mr. Pare to table the minutes until the next meeting.

Wetlands and Stormwater Education Topics; *Wetlands Protection Act (interests, resource areas, hydrology, flooding, water quality, erosion and sedimentation, administration mechanics), Town Bylaws and Regulations (especially differences/additions to WPA), Avoidance-Minimization-Mitigation, Mitigation Lessons Learned*

Discussion Items-

1. 54 Meadowbrook Drive - NOI #338-0218 – Complete Certificate of Compliance
 2. 35 Wentworth Street – Minor modification – RDA
 3. Clean up of Concom land
 4. 42 Mill Street and Lot 1 Mill Street – DEP decisions
 5. 131 Bay Colony
- o Enforcement Order follow-through
 - o Extend Enforcement Order to contractor?
 - o Owner's consultant report and proposal likely at meeting in May
 - "Apex" trees issues; get MACC and/or nearby towns technical assistance?
 - Conservation land improvements and management; note that list on Town web site (attached) doesn't include Lowell Woods; new signs and trails?; Perry-Crouse Pond (nr Westview Terrace) vegetation management filing and contracting; update May 2002 "Take a Hike" plan?
 - Update SWM Bylaw and/or Regulations to explicitly require 1 inch rainfall capture (and others?)
 - Educational and informational subjects:
 - o All above
 - o Community eyes and ears
 - o Community newsletter reminders of WPA, Bylaws, etc., highlighting trees
 - o Private dams
 - o MACC conference sessions (see below)

- o* *MACC legislative update (see March 2, 2016 letter)*
- o* *Anyone interested in MACC training sessions (below)?*
- o* *June 2012 Westwood Comprehensive Plan's "How should the Town prioritize the following planning issues" survey results, particularly "Open space preservation" and "Protecting water supply and other natural resources"*
- o* *Boy Scouts wetlands activities*
- o* *Others?*

RDA – 80 Wilson Way - Fairlane Properties – *Present are Merridith Davey and Michael Grill requesting a negative determination for a minor sidewalk project. The proposed project will connect the Wilson Way area with East Street. The project will be 35 feet away from the wetland. There will be the need to cut some trees but the applicant will cut as few as possible. There will be six light poles installed for safety. The applicant has discussed this with Mr. Jaillet and the town supports the project.*

Mr. Rogers inquires as to whether this is a private walkway open to the public. Mr. Grill states yes.

Mr. Pare would like the sidewalk to be staked out in the field so he can get a better idea where it is.

Motion made by Mr. Pare, seconded by Ms. Hayes to continue the hearing to allow members to look at the area staked out. Unanimous.

Form signing

Motion made by Mr. Pare, seconded by Mr. Sheer, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous.