

TOWN OF WESTWOOD

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes: Conservation Commission Meeting Date: November 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Selectmen's Meeting Room, 580 High Street, Westwood, MA

The Conservation Commission meeting of November 18, 2015 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Champaign Meeting Room with the following members present: Diane Hayes, Charles Pare, John Rogers, R. J. Sheer and Todd Sullivan. Also present was Karon Skinner Catrone, Conservation Agent.

7:00 p.m.

Approval of minutes – June 10, 2015, July 8, 2015, October 28, 2014

Discussion Items-

1. *Minor Modification – 20 Wicklow Drive - #338-0603 – The applicant is requesting a minor modification to tear down the house and construct a new house. The total impervious will be less with the construction of the new home.*

Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Pare to approve the request for a minor modification. Unanimous.

2. *Minor Modification – 375-411 Providence Highway – Prime Motor Group- Motion made approve the request for minor modification for one bi-directional entrance, elevation change to use some soil, notes added for the gas company, added transformer, removal of some parking spaces and modification to waterline.*

Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Pare to approve the request for a minor modification. Unanimous

Certificate of Compliance – 145 Bay Colony Drive - Ms. Catrone states a partial Certificate has been issued. The lot is stabilized and infiltration was installed.

Motion made by Mr. Pare, seconded by Ms. Hayes, to issue a Complete Certificate of Compliance. Unanimous.

1. *Certificate of Compliance – 9 Stonemeadow Drive- Ms. Catrone states a partial Certificate has been issued. The lot is stabilized.*

Motion made by Mr. Pare, seconded by Ms. Hayes, to issue a Complete Certificate of Compliance. Unanimous.

2. *Informal discussion – 322 Far Reach Road – Geothermal - bore hole – Present is Mr. and Mrs. Wong requesting to install a geothermal system within 100 feet of a wetland. Mr. Wong states that he does not have heat due to a broken system and would like to install this well for heat. The Commission agrees the owners of the home can drill the well and file an after the fact RDA for the next meeting.*

NOI – DEP# 338-0 – 51 Dover Terrace - Frates/McNeil - Present is James McNeil requesting an Order of Conditions for tree removal, installation of a retaining wall, drainage, patio and plantings. Mr. McNeil states he feels the trees in his rear yard pose a danger to his home and family. He would also like to install a patio and plantings.

Mr. Briar(an abutter) is present and asks the Commission where the 35' no touch area is. The Commission spends an hour explaining the buffer zone.

Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Pare, to issue an Order of Conditions with the following conditions:

- 1. All surfaces must be kept clean throughout the duration of the project.***
- 2. Organic fertilizer must be use on lawn in perpetuity.***
- 3. The retaining wall shall be no higher than 18”.***
- 4. The proposed fence must be raised 4”-6” from the ground.***
- 5. All debris must be removed from the site.***
- 6. A swale must be constructed along both sides of the property.***

Unanimous.

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

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