

TOWN OF WESTWOOD

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes: Conservation Commission Meeting Date: February 11, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.
Location: Champaign Meeting Room, 50 Carby Street, Westwood, MA

The Westwood Conservation Commission meeting of February 11, 2015 is called to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following members present: Charles Pare, William Stowe, Leo Crowe, John Rogers and John Masterson (not present are Diane Hayes and Jay MacMullan) and Conservation Agent, Karon Skinner Catrone to discuss the following issues:

7:30 p.m. Approval of minutes - **Motion made by Mr. Crowe, seconded by Mr. Pare, to table the minutes of November 12, 2014 and December 10, 2014 to the next meeting. Unanimous**

Discussion Items-

1. **Stormwater Bylaw** – Tabled to the next meeting. **Motion made by Mr. Crowe, seconded by Mr. Pare, to table this discussion to the March 11, 2015 meeting. Unanimous**
2. **NRWA - Sarah Bounty** – Ms. Bounty of Neponset River Watershed Association is present to speak to the Commission about green infrastructure. She states she is current working with homeowners to educate them on improving water quality by installing rain gardens. She states she will be working with Xaverian to design a rain garden on their site. Ms. Catrone states there are currently rain gardens located at Progressive Ins., and Lanark Drive. Prime Motor Group is also proposing the installation of a rain garden.
3. **200 Providence High - update** – Ms. Catrone updates the Commission on the recent Zoning Board's decision to only allow products grown on the property to be sold there. The Commission requests Ms. Catrone look at the site when the snow melts.
4. **594 Clapboardtree Street - Musto** – Mr. Musto is not present. **Motion made by Mr. Crowe, seconded by Mr. Masterson to table this discussion to the next meeting. Unanimous.**
- 5 **DEP #338 – 391- Phillip's Way – Certificate of Compliance** - Ms. Catrone states she visited the site with the DPW Director and the Town Engineer. At the time of the inspection the drainage structure was stabilized and the street was complete. The Commission has received a letter from the Town Engineer stating that he is satisfied with the project.

Motion made by Mr. Stowe, seconded by Mr. Masterson to issue a Certificate of Compliance. Unanimous.

6. DEP #338-359 - 326 Blue Hill Drive- Minor Modification – Ms. Catrone states the applicant is requesting a Minor Modification to move a water line on the property. The line must be moved to allow work which was approved under Order of Conditions #338-359. This work will be within the limit of work approved under the Order.

Motion made by Mr. Stowe to approve this work under a minor modification with the condition a detailed plan is submitted to the Commission's office. The plan received is very difficult to read. Unanimous.

NOI – DEP #338-0602 - 52 Whitney Ave. - Marsoobian – Present is Mr. Marsoobian requesting an Order of Conditions to construct an addition and install an in-ground pool with associated landscaping, grading and fencing. He states he would like to expand his family room and kitchen 11 feet. The area of the addition is in the rear of the house. The fence shown on the plan is 10 feet from the wetland line. Tree cutting and shrub removal is required to install the pool.

Mr. Stowe states there is a 10 foot no touch area but the Commission would rather you maintain a larger buffer zone. He asks how many trees will need to be removed.

Mr. Marsoobian states a total of 10 to 12 trees will need to be cleared.

Mr. Rogers explains to the applicant that the naturally vegetated area (buffer zone) protects the wetland resource area.

Ms. Catrone reads her recommendations which would require fewer trees be cut and a recharge system be installed on site.

Mr. Pare requires clean crushed stone be placed under the deck.

Mr. Marsoobian asks if he chooses not to install the pool would recharge be required.

Mr. Pare replies you will need to recharge for the area that is becoming impervious.

Mr. Marsoobian requests a continuance to the March 11, 2015 meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Masterson, seconded by Mr. Pare, to continue the hearing at the applicant's request. Unanimous.

NOI – DEP #338-0595 - 131 High Rock Street- Hansen (Continued from the December 14, 2014 meeting) – Present is Joyce Hasting of GLM requesting an Order of Conditions to construct a single family home with driveway and associated utilities. Ms. Hasting states as requested by the Commission we are now showing the perennial stream on the plan. The applicant is proposing to remove the existing house, garage, shed and part of the driveway. We have submitted an invasive species removal plan and have proposed additional plantings on the site. The entire roof surface drainage will be recharged to an infiltration system which will consist of 3 chambers surrounded by 2 1/2 feet of double washed stone. Thirty-five (35) trees are proposed to be planted on the site. Emergency straw bales and a stockpile area are shown on the plan.

Motion made by Mr. Stowe, seconded by Mr. Masterson to issue a standard Order of Conditions. Unanimous.

NOI – DEP #338-599 – 166 East Street - Algonquin Gas – Present is John Bonsloll, Michael Terrell, and Daniel Herzlinger of TRC Environmental. Mr. Herzlinger states Algonquin Gas is

proposing to construct, own, operate and maintain a new 5.1 mile natural gas pipeline lateral (West Roxbury Lateral) in Westwood, Dedham and West Roxbury. The West Roxbury Lateral will deliver natural gas to the northeast markets and meet immediate and future supply of load growth. One half mile of the project is in Westwood. The pipeline is regulated by the Department of Transportation and National grid is the customer.

Mr. Terrell states he is employed by TRC Environmental but has been a consultant for Algonquin Gas most of his career. The limit of work, erosion control and the intermittent stream are shown on the plan. The construction will involve pumping the water across the crossing while work is in progress. A trenched silt fence is proposed as erosion control. A water quality certificate will be obtained from the Army Corp. of Engineers prior to start of work.

Ms. Catrone states silt socks should be used as erosion control and notes that if this work was done in the summer the stream may be dry.

Mr. Merrell states they want to work with the golf course schedule and not do this work during their busy time of the year. The work will be done at an appropriate time considering rain fall. An Environmental monitor will be on site all time.

Ms. Catrone states she has asked Mr. Bina, Town Engineer to review the plan but he has not had the opportunity.

Mr. Terrell requests a continuance to the February 25, 2015 meeting to allow Mr. Bina time to review the plan.

Motion made by Mr. Crowe, seconded by Mr. Masterson to continue to the February 25, 2015 meeting at the request of the applicant. Unanimous.

NOI – DEP# 338-0601- Dedham Street and I-95 Interchange – Present is Dennis Lowery of AECOM, requesting an Order of Conditions for roadway improvements to I-95 and Dedham Street to provide alternative access to University Ave. and the MBTA/Amtrak Railroad Station. Improvements include construction of a new off-ramp from I-95 northbound to Dedham St., widening Dedham St. from 2 lanes to 4, widening the bridge and construction of a detention basin. MassDot has been working on Canton Street since last spring under a previous filing. The limit of work is shown on the plan. A five foot side walk will also be added. Flood compensation will need to be done on Green Lodge Street. The proposed storage is shown on table 7 of the plan.

Ms. Catrone states the Town Engineer, Jeff Bina has not reviewed this plan.

The applicant requests a continuance to allow the Town Engineer time to review the plan.

Motion made by Mr. Masterson, seconded by Mr. Stowe, to continue to March 11, to allow Mr. Bina to comment on the plan. Unanimous.

Motion made by Mr. Masterson, seconded by Mr. Stowe, to adjourn the hearing. Unanimous.