

TOWN OF WESTWOOD

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**Minutes: Conservation Commission Meeting Date: March 25, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.
Location: Champaign Meeting Room, 50 Carby Street, Westwood, MA**

The Conservation Commission meeting of March 25, 2015 was called to order in the Champaign Meeting Room with the following members present: Leo Crowe, John Masterson, Diane Hayes, William Stowe, Charles Pare and John Rogers. Also present was Karon Skinner Catrone, Conservation Agent.

Approval of minutes - **Motion made by Mr. Crowe, seconded by Mr. Masterson to approve the minutes of February 11, 2015, February 25, 2015 and March 11, 2015 with Changes. Unanimous**

Discussion Items-

1. 100 High Street - Informal Discussion – Present are Jessica Berber, Engineer, and Mark Urbanic, Project manager. They are present to informally discuss the possibility of installing a pervious pavement parking area on a upcoming proposed project. The Commission is shown a video and given handouts which detail the installation of the pervious pavers. We are proposing the use for all driveways and parking areas. The Operation and Maintenance Plan (O & M Plan will include Liquid de-ice be used and vacuum cleaning twice a year. The benefit is that there will be no black ice.

Mr. Pare recommends chambers. He states this product is too new.

John Rogers states sanding and clogging have been a problem with pervious pavement in the past. He emphasizes the importance of proper installation and maintenance.

Mr. Previtara states the zone 11 wellheads area will need to be looked at under the Notice of Intent.

Mr. Rogers states the subsurface conditions will have to be looked at closely.

The Commission agrees that the use of pervious pavement for the proposed project at 100 High Street will be considered under the submittal of a Notice of Intent.

RDA - 72 Deerfield Ave - Deerfield School - Present are Todd Korchin of the Westwood Department of Public Works, Nicole Banks of the Westwood Recreation Department and Randy Collins of BETA Group, requesting a Negative Determination for proposed improvements to the athletic fields at the Deerfield School.

Mr. Collins states the fields are currently used for softball and soccer. They would like to have 3 fields, creating two baseball fields with potential for a third field in the future. A gravel walking path is proposed around the field and storage containers for equipment are also being proposed. The storage containers, at 40 feet, are the closest work to the wetland.

Mr. Stowe states the police project is also being proposed a close proximity of this wetland. He questions the amount of clearing with this amount of construction at the same time.

Ms. Banks, Director of Recreation, is present and states with this improvement there will be more groups looking at using these fields.

Mr. Pare states he supports the project but expresses concern regarding the current drainage system.

Mr. Previtera states the fields are currently pervious and they will remain pervious.

Mr. Crowe states the walking path may be dangerous while a baseball game is going on.

Mr. Crowe states there were four catch basins in this area. Red die was dropped into them for testing and the die ended up across the street from Carby Street in Rock Meadow Brook.

Ms. Crowe states organic fertilizer will have to be used.

The Commission agrees a more detailed plan is required.

Motion made by Mr. Stowe, seconded by Mr. Masterson to issue a Positive Determination of Applicability which requires the applicant to file a Notice of Intent to do proposed improvements. Ms. Hayes abstains. Vote wins - 5 in favor.

NOI - DEP #338-0 Dedham Street and I-95 Interchange Improvement Project - MassDOT –
Present is Mr. Lowery of Aecom, representing MassDot. The applicant is 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.

There have been no plan changes to proposed work in Westwood. Modifications are one plunge pool was changed in canton.

Work in Westwood consists of widening the bridge from 35 to 67 feet. There will be no work in river or banks or wetlands. We will be working in flood plain. The compensation area is on Green Lodge Street. For the last month and a half we have been working with Canton and Norwood. We closed tonight in Canton. Work last spring included improvements to the drainage easement next to Canton Street.

Mr. Previtera inquires as to whether the compensation has been completed and requests an update.

Motion made by Mr. Masterson, seconded by Mr. Pare, to continue the hearing to the April 8, 2015 meeting at 7:00 p.m. Unanimous.

NOI - DEP #338-0597 - 314 Dover Road -

Present is Ian Brown, applicant, and Russell Waldron, Wetland Scientist. Mr. Brown is representing the owners of 314 Dover Road. The owners are requesting an Order of Conditions to extend their rear yard by constructing a retaining wall and adding fill. Mr. Brown was before the Commission several months ago and was asked to scale down his project.

The Commission agrees they would like to see the following revisions to the plan:
Existing riprap between houses, Rock Meadow Brook and distance from project, Erosion control, FEMA zones, Modify location off set of wall.

The Commission also requests an Invasive Species Removal Plan discussing herbicide use if it is proposed.

Motion made by Mr. Masterson, seconded by Mr. Rogers to continue this hearing to the April 11, 2015 hearing at 7:00 p.m. Unanimous.

Motion made by Mr. Masterson, seconded by Mr. Rogers to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous.