

TOWN OF WESTWOOD

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes: Conservation Commission Meeting Date: April 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Champaign Meeting Room, 50 Carby Street, Westwood, MA

The Conservation Commission meeting of April 8, 2015 was called to order in the Champaign Meeting Room with the following members present: Diane Hayes, Charles Pare, John Rogers and Leo Crowe. Also present was Karon Skinner Catrone, Conservation Agent.

7:00 p.m.

Approval of minutes – March 25, 2015

Discussion Items-

- 1. 48 Milk Street- Minor modification- Present is Charles Bosworth requesting a minor modification to run the sewer line through the rear of the yard. The line was originally proposed to run out of the front of the house but it was discovered that that line was too high. Mr. Bosworth states we were originally going to run the line through the front of the property but the Westwood DPW is suggesting he run the line through the rear. He is present to go over some of the details the Commission requested at the last meeting. The Commission requests a revised plan from the applicant when the location of the wall is decided. Additional erosion control may be needed. The swale was leveled out to lessen the slope. We will need to have a replanting plan for the disturbed area. The applicant reviews the detail of the proposed installation of the line. He states the root mass will be removed and reinstalled. Jewt netting will then be installed. There is an invasive species taking over the area. The Commission request Ms. Catrone go out and look when the snow melts. **Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Pare to approve the minor modification with the condition a revised showing the wall and additional erosion control (if needed) and the replanting of the disturbed area. Unanimous.***
- 2. Cemetery Improvements – informal discussion – Present are Brendan Ryan, of the Department of Public Works, Thomas Daley and David Crispin. Mr. Crispin states we have been working on cemetery projects for 30 years. Ms. Catrone flagged the location last fall. We will be altering approximately 1500 sq. ft of BVW. He demonstrates that this is a manmade pond. All towns must provide one or more spaces for their residents. In 1978 there was no pond. In 1980 the pond is shown. We cannot find an Order of Conditions so we believe this was done under a Request for Determination. He is aware of the 10 foot no touch but we plan to make improvements to the area. A presentation area with a cremation knock area is proposed. Fore bays and grass line swales are proposed. Would this be considered by the Commission? The Commission agrees a Notice of Intent will be required and the Commission will consider their proposal.*

3. *General Town Wide Notice of Intent- Ms. Catrone states she is working with DPW on a General Town Wide Notice of Intent which would allow Public Works to do specified projects without coming before the Commission with a Notice of Intent. The NOI will be presented to the Commission on a future agenda.*

7:15 p.m.

NOI –DEP# 338-0 Dedham Street and I-95 Interchange Improvement Project – MassDOT- Present is Dennis Lowery of AEOCOM Environmental. This project was discussed in detail at the last hearing. The Commission received the plan late and voted to continue the hearing to tonight to allow them more time to review the plan.

Motion made by Mr. Crowe, seconded by Mr. Pare issue the Order of Conditions. Unanimous.

NOI – DEP #338-?- 20 Wicklow Drive –Rast – Present are Mr. and Mrs. Rask, property owners, Russ Waldron, wetland scientist, and Derek Rubinoff. The applicant is proposing a 2nd floor addition and expansion of driveway. The work will be no closer than 20 feet. The existing structure is 45 feet away from the wetland. They would also like to make the outside area more inviting.

Existing driveway crosses over the stream. This is going to remain the same. We would like to expand the driveway and patio with pervious pavers.

Mr. Pare states a pervious driveway is not very attractive. He suggests the owner investigate their appearance to be sure they can live with it.

Mr. Pare asks that they narrow the driveway on tail end to keep it further away from the wetland and asks that the patio be shrunk down or narrowed. He states he would like to see the patio pavers. He states he would be comfortable if these areas are pervious.

The Commission agrees the proposed hammerhead section of the driveway may

Addition is being constructed in the manner it is proposed to keep the proper flow of the interior. Ms. Catrone asks if the trees beside the driveway will stay. Mr. Rubinoff states he is not sure. The Commission agrees they would like the trees to stay.

There is discussion regarding the hammerhead on the right side on the driveway.

Mr. Masterson asks for the locus on the plan

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

Requested information dated March 27, 2015

Plan- Landscape Plan in Westwood, MA revised 3/26/15

NOI – DEP #338-0597 – 375-411 Providence Highway – Prime Motor Group

Present are Dave Nysten of CEI, David Mackwell of Requested information

Finally we run through whether the project complies with the stormwater regulations and it does. We will make some recommendations for conditions. We looked at the site from a wetland standpoint two weeks ago. We reviewed the invasive species management report; Ms. Hansen has some suggestions regarding the herbicides.

Mr. Stowe states he wants to see that the performance standards are met under the Wetland Protection Act. He would like to see an analysis. What is the applicant doing to get this as far away from the river as they can? Mr. Stowe would like to see a report from CEI on their review of the Riverfront Area. Mr. Mackwell states CEI did review and his apologies that the Commission did not get a report. We have tried to show that we have put our best foot forward to comply. Motion made by Mr. Stowe, seconded by Pare to issue the Order of Conditions with conditions submitted by CEI. Unanimous.

Form signing

