

Town of Westwood
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes: Conservation Commission Meeting Date: January 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
Location: Champagne Meeting Room, 50 Carby Street, Westwood, MA

7:00 p.m.

The Conservation Commission meeting of January 23, 2019 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Champagne Meeting Room, 50 Carby Street with the following members present: John Rogers, Helen Gordon, Stephen David Todd Sullivan, Todd Weston and Vesna Maneva. Member R. J. Sheer was absent. Also attending was Conservation Agent, Karon Skinner Catrone.

Minutes

Motion made by Ms. Gordon, seconded by Mr. David to approve the minutes of November 28, 2019 and December 14, 2019 with changes. Unanimous.

Action Items

Certificate of Compliance – DEP #338-0636 - Dedham Country and Polo Club – Irrigation system. The Commission opened the public hearing and reviewed copies of the Certificate of Compliance Application and associated documents, including the following:

1. Letter dated December 17, 2018 from Michael Toohill of Coneco Engineers and Scientists, 4 First Street, Bridgewater, MA 02324 to Karon Catrone, Agent, Westwood Conservation Commission, re: Request for a Certificate of Compliance for 338-0636; Irrigation System Dedham Country and Polo Club, Dedham, Massachusetts, consisting of one (1) page;
2. DEP Form 8A – Request for Certificate of Compliance (no signature required), including table 1 – Compliance with Conditions – Attachment A, consisting of six (6) page;
3. Plan titled “Piping Plan” dated 12/31/18 revised 12/05/18 by White Engineering, Inc., P. O. Box 1118 Portsmouth, NH 03802,

Present is Michael Toohill of Coneco, 4 First Street, Bridgewater, MA 02324. Mr. Toohill explains he put a table together to show all changes. Ms. Catrone and I did a site inspection last week. He points out there is an irrigation pipe going through the 10th hole. A repair had to be done at this location, within the buffer. On the fairway there are pipes that are exposed. It was too late to sod. This will be sodded in the spring. Ms. Catrone requested stone be put in the area where the water is directed into the drainage swale.

All other areas of work are stabilized. They will go back in the spring and do a few last touches including sodding the un-stabilized area and adding stone to the swale at the 10th hole.

Motion made by Mr. David, seconded Ms. Gordon to approve the Certificate of Compliance for DEP #338-0636. Unanimous.

Certificate of Compliance – DEP #338-0661 - Dedham Country and Polo Club – Golf Cart Bridges

The Commission opened the public hearing and reviewed copies of the Certificate of Compliance Application and associated documents, including the following:

1. Letter dated December 17, 2018 from Michael Toohill of Coneco Engineers and Scientists, 4 First Street, Bridgewater, MA 02324 to Karon Catrone, Agent, Westwood Conservation Commission, re: Request for a Certificate of Compliance for #338-066(this is a typo on the letter, it should be #338-0661) ; Golf Cart Bridges Dedham Country and Polo Club, Dedham, Massachusetts, consisting of one (1) page;
2. DEP Form 8A – Request for Certificate of Compliance (no signature required), including table 1 – Compliance with Conditions – Attachment A, consisting of six (6) pages;
3. GIS Plan titled “Replaced Footbridge/Cart Bridge” dated 12/10/18 by Coneco Engineers & Scientists, 4 First Street, Bridgewater, MA 02324,

Present is Michael Toohill of Coneco, 4 First Street, Bridgewater, MA 02324. Mr. Toohill explains he put a table together to show all changes. Ms. Catrone and I did a site inspection last week. Treated material was used as discussed during the Notice of Intent meeting. Ms. Catrone confirms the work areas are stabilized.

Motion made by Mr. David, seconded Ms. Gordon to approve the Certificate of Compliance for DEP #338-0661. Unanimous.

Certificate of Compliance – DEP #338-0648 - Dedham Country and Polo Club – Improvements
The Commission opened the public hearing and reviewed copies of the Certificate of Compliance Application and associated documents, including the following:

1. Letter dated December 17, 2018 from Michael Toohill of Coneco Engineers and Scientists, 4 First Street, Bridgewater, MA 02324 to Karon Catrone, Agent, Westwood Conservation Commission, re: Request for a Certificate of Compliance for #338-0648, Golf Course Improvements Dedham Country and Polo Club, Dedham, Massachusetts, consisting of one (1) page;
2. DEP Form 8A – Request for Certificate of Compliance (no signature required), including table 1 – Compliance with Conditions – Attachment A, consisting of eight (8) pages;

Present is Michael Toohill of Coneco, 4 First Street, Bridgewater, MA 02324. Mr. Toohill explains he put a table together to show all changes. Ms. Catrone and I did a site inspection last week. Ms. Catrone confirms the work areas are stabilized.

Motion made by Mr. David, seconded Ms. Gordon to approve the Certificate of Compliance for DEP #338-0648. Unanimous.

The Commission inquires about the dredging project at the golf course. Mr. Toohill states it is going well. The work is almost complete.

Minor Modification – DEP #338-0677 – 22 Hedgerow Lane (formerly 21 Hedgerow Lane) -
Relocation of the house.

The Commission opened the public hearing and reviewed copies of the request for Minor Modification to Order of Conditions #338-0677, including the following:

1. Letter dated January 9, 2019 from David Johnson of Norwood Engineering Co. Inc., 1410 Route One, Norwood, MA, consisting of two (2) pages;
2. Plan titled “Building Permit Plan “22 Hedgerow Lane (formerly 21 Hedgerow Lane) Westwood, Massachusetts ” dated August 1, 2018 with revisions through January 2, 2019

submitted by David Johnson of Norwood Engineering Co. Inc., 1410 Route One, Norwood, MA.

Present is David Johnson requesting a Minor Modification to the approved Order of Conditions on behalf of the owner, David Spiegel. The applicant would like to relocate the footprint of the house. The amount of new impervious area within the buffer zone will increase from the previous plan by 110 sq. ft.

Motion made by Mr. Weston, seconded by Mr. David, to approve the relocation of the house. Unanimous.

Minor Modification – 83 Morgan Farm Road – DEP #338-0567 – New house layout

The Commission opened the public hearing and reviewed copies of the request for Minor Modification to Order of Conditions #338-0677, including the following:

1. Letter dated January 16, 2019 from GLM Engineering Consultants Inc., 19 Exchange Street, Holliston, MA 01746, consisting of one (1) page;
2. Plan titled “Proposed House Location Plan 83 Morgan Farm Road – Lot 8 Westwood, Massachusetts” dated December 19, 2013 with revisions through February 19, 2019 submitted by GLM Engineering Consultants Inc., 19 Exchange Street, Holliston, MA 01746

Present is Louis Petrozzi requesting a minor modification to the approved Order of Conditions. Mr. Petrozzi states the revisions include: new house location, removal of the pool and patio and revised driveway location. This modification will result in an additional 785 sq. ft. of impervious surface the applicant would like to relocate the footprint of the house. The amount of new impervious area **within the buffer zone** will increase from the previous plan by 110 sq. ft.

Motion made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Weston, to approve the request for minor modification. Unanimous.

Minor Modification – DEP #338-0658 – Islington Village –Location change of infiltration and removal of fill.

The Commission opened the public hearing and reviewed copies of the request for Minor Modification to Order of Conditions #338-0658, including the following:

1. Letter dated January 18, 2019 from Michael Carter of GCG Associates Inc., 84 Main Street, Wilmington MA 01887, consisting of two (2) pages;
2. Plan titled “Proposed Grading & Utility Site Plan School Street side Islington Village Westwood, MA Norfolk County” dated December 12, 2017 with revisions through April 25, 2018 and “Tree Locations Islington Village – School Street Side Westwood Massachusetts” dated January 23, 2019 submitted by GCG Associates, Inc. of 84 Main Street Wilmington Massachusetts 01887

Professional engineer Michael Cater of GCG Associates, Inc. is present and states we are requesting two modifications to the approved Order of Conditions.

Request 1 – The owner is requesting to move the proposed infiltration basin from the current proposed location to a new location parallel to the CVS building. The reason for this request is that during construction ledge was found in the northerly end of the proposed basin. Moving the system to the new location will provide better infiltration/recharge. The overall size and elevation of the system will remain the same.

Request 2 – The owner is requesting that grading be allowed on the adjacent town owned land on the northwest corner of the proposed project. As excavation proceeded on the site the contractor observed that the mound of material in this area was fill which was placed there many years ago. The owner,

contractor and the conservation agent were on site and looked at this mound. Based upon observations, the owner would like to request that this material be removed and this area be graded, loomed and seeded. This area is within the 100 foot buffer of the adjacent wetlands and if allowed the applicant would clean up the area. If the grading is allowed, it would eliminate some of the proposed wall on the Town owned land of the project. Removal of invasive Bittersweet, which is growing on the trees, is also proposed.

Mr. Rogers states it would be beneficial to have the snow melt over the land.

Mr. Petruzzello states he will plant an additional two trees.

Motion made by Mr. Weston, seconded by Mr. David, to approve the Minor Modification with the condition two additional trees are planted. Unanimous.

Public Hearings:

Request for Determination – 182 Fieldstone Road– Draper – Porch/sunroom

This hearing was originally heard 7/25/18 at which time it was continued to allow the applicant to submit an engineered plan to the Commission.

The Commission opened the public hearing and reviewed copies of the Request for Determination and associated materials, including the following:

1. DEP Form 1A – Request for Determination of Applicability, signed by Jeffery Draper, owner of 182 Fieldstone Road and associated documents, consisting of fifteen (15) pages;
2. Plan titled “Proposed Sun Room Plan #182 Fieldstone Road” dated 11/19/18 by Cheney Engineering Co. Inc., 53 Mellen Street, Needham, MA 02494.

Present is Jeffery Draper, owner of 182 Fieldstone Road, requesting a negative determination to construct a four season porch/sunroom on sona tubes in the area of his deck. This area falls within the buffer zone. He would also like to create a patio area in the rear of the proposed porch/sunroom. The patio will be pavers. The closest work to the wetland area is 67.5 feet.

The Commission requests Mr. Draper sketch the patio on the plan.

Motion made by Mr. Weston, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to issue a negative Determination of Applicability for the construction of the sunroom and the patio, with the condition the patio does not exceed a 20’ x 20’ footprint. Unanimous.

Notice of Intent – 375 University Ave. – DEP #338-0680 – McQuade -

The Commission opened the public hearing and reviewed copies of the Notice of Intent, including the following:

1. Notice of Intent submittal – WPA Form 3 – and associated documents submitted by John Glossa of Glossa Engineering, 46 East Street, East Walpole 02032 dated January 3, 2019, signed by Chuck McQuade dated 1/9/19, consisting of twenty four (24) pages;
2. Checklist for stormwater Report and associated documents submitted by John Glossa of Glossa Engineering, 46 East Street, East Walpole 02032 dated January 3, 2019, consisting of Thirty four (34) pages;
3. Plan titled “375 – 395 University Ave. Notice of Intent Plan of Land in Westwood, MA”, Dated January 3, 2019 with revisions through April 16, 2019, stamped by John Glossa of Glossa Engineering, 46 East Street, East Walpole 02032,

Professional Engineer John Glossa and owner Chuck McQuade appeared before the Commission for proposed landscape alterations at 375 University Avenue, including the removal of approximately 20 trees and replacement with low shrubs.

Mr. Glossa states the owner would like to take down all of the trees on the property line along Canton Street to create a better view of the building. None of these trees are of large size. The stumps will not be pulled. We are proposing to revegetate with shrubs which will hold the soil. The owner is also proposing the installation of snouts in the catch basins. There are no snouts installed at this time. Rip rap (5" -6" stone) is proposed at the inlets. Trash will be removed from the area.

Ms. Maneva states trees have been removed and you are proposing replacement of these trees with very small shrubs. There should be trees or large shrubs planted.

Mr. Rogers suggests larger shrubs.

Mr. Weston leaves the meeting due to a prior engagement.

Mr. Glossa states the Operation and Maintenance Plan (O & M Plan) could be attached to the order as an ongoing condition, then attach O & M to Certificate of Compliance.

Mr. Glossa states the applicant also owns property across the street. They would like to rip rap the slope and get rid of the invasive Bittersweet growing in the trees.

Mr. Rogers suggests Mr. Glossa look for the plans and Order for DOT work at bridge.

Motion made by Mr. David, seconded by Ms. Maneva to continue the hearing at the applicant's request. Unanimous.

Notice of Intent – 101 Willard Circle. – DEP #338-0681 – Burke - addition

The Commission opened the public hearing and reviewed copies of the Notice of Intent, including the following:

1. Notice of Intent submittal – WPA Form 3 – and associated documents submitted by Craig Cygawnoski of RIM Engineering Co. Inc., 12 Pratt Street, Mansfield, MA 02048, signed by Sonja Burke on 1/4/19, consisting of thirty one (31) pages;
2. "Alternate Analysis 101 Willard Circle Westwood South Brook Riverfront", submitted by RIM Engineering Co. Inc., dated January 18, 2019, consisting of one (1) page;
3. Plan titled "Proposed house addition Plan at Hse. No. 101 Willard Circle in Westwood, MA, Stamped by Craig Cygawnoski of RIM Engineering Co. Inc., 12 Pratt Street, Mansfield, MA 02048, dated January 4, 2019 with revisions through January 17, 2019.

Present is Professional Engineer Craig Cygawnoski of Rim Engineering representing Michael and Sonja Burke, owners of 101 Willard Circle.

Mr. Cygawnoski states the existing house is a cape style house.

The resource area, South Brook, is in the rear of the property. All construction is within 100 feet. The 100 year flood plain runs behind the existing patio. The proposed foundation will stop short of the flood plain.

Mr. Burke states we are constructing this addition for my wife's parents who need a bedroom and bathroom on the same floor.

Mr. Rogers states the foundation should be waterproofed.

Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. David to approve the construction of the addition with standard conditions. Unanimous.

Motion made by Mr. David, seconded by Ms. Maneva to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.