

Town of Westwood
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes: Conservation Commission Meeting Date: April 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
Location: Champagne Meeting Room, 50 Carby Street, Westwood, MA

7:00 p.m.

The Conservation Commission meeting of April 10, 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, Stephen David, Helen Gordon, Vesna Maneva and Todd Weston. Members Todd Sullivan and R. J. Sheer were absent. Conservation Agent Karon Skinner Catrone was also present.

Public Hearings:

Request for Determination – 700 Gay Street - Cerulli

The Commission opened the public hearing and reviewed copies of the Wetland Protection Act and Westwood Wetland Bylaw Application and associated documents, including the following:

1. WPA Form 1 – Request for Determination of Applicability, signed by the Applicant, Garrett Cerulli, dated March 18, 2019 and filed with the Conservation Commission and the Town Clerk on March 20, 2019, including ten (10) pages;
2. Sketch Plan entitled “Plot Plan in Westwood, Massachusetts”, prepared by Stamski and McNary, Inc. of 1000 Main Street, Acton, Massachusetts, dated February 27, 2018, consisting of one (1) sheet, trees to be removed are sketched on this plan;
3. Photos - ArcGIS Web Map, including seven (7) photos.

Present are Mr. and Mrs. Cerulli requesting a Negative Determination of Applicability to cut down seven White Pine trees within the 100 foot buffer. Photos of trees to be removed have been provided.

Mr. Cerulli states he would like to remove some of the trees because they are hazardous and some because they are not healthy. New trees will be planted.

Present is William Duffy of 300 Fox Hill Street. Mr. Duffy states although the Commission denied me a similar project, he does not object to this project.

Ms. Catrone states all wood chips must be removed from the property.

Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Maneva, to issue a Negative Determination with the condition all wood chips are removed from the site. Unanimous.

Notice of Intent - DEP #338-0683 - 34 Woodland Road - Crea

The Commission opened the public hearing and reviewed copies of the Wetland Protection Act and Westwood Wetland Bylaw Application and associated documents, including the following:

4. WPA Form 3 – Notice of Intent and associated documents, signed by the Applicant, Erin Crea, dated February 19, 2019 and filed with the Conservation Commission and the Town Clerk on February 20, 2019, submitted by Debora Anderson, Wetland Scientist, of 45 Willow Street, Norwood, MA 02062, including twenty two (22) pages;
5. Plan entitled “#34 Woodland Road Plan of Land in Westwood, MA”, prepared by John Glossa of Glossa Engineering, Inc. of 46 East Street, East Walpole, MA, dated April 3, 2019, with revisions through April 11, 2019, consisting of one (1) sheet;

This hearing was continued from the ~~March~~-February 13, 2019 meeting. The hearing was continued to allow the applicant to receive a decision on the requested variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals, to alter the plans to reduce negative impacts on the wetlands, and to produce the required stormwater calculations.

Present are John Glossa of Glossa Engineering and Christopher and Erin Crea, owners of 34 Woodland Road. Mr. Glossa states the owners originally proposed a rain garden but there was not enough separation between the garden and ground water. He has replaced the rain garden with a shallow (16 inch) infiltration system to recharge the roof runoff (See Plan reference above). Erosion control has not changed. We have also added a 2' infiltration trench on the wetland side of the driveway. Ten (10) mm plastic will be added on the wetland side of the trench to protect the stream. The applicant was before the Zoning Board of Appeal for a variance, which was denied. The Crae's have lowered the roof and it meets ~~building the~~ requirements. Plantings have been added to the plan within the 10' foot buffer.

Mr. Rogers asks that there be an overflow added to the infiltration system.

Motion made by Ms. Maneva, seconded by Mr. David, to approve the project with standard conditions and a revised plan be submitted showing an overflow from the infiltration system.

Notice of Intent - DEP #338-0680- 375 University Avenue - McQuade

The applicant has requested a continuance to the April 24, 2019 meeting.

Motion made by Mr. David, seconded by Mr. Weston, to continue the hearing to April 24, 2019 at the request of the applicant. Unanimous.

Notice of Intent - DEP #338-0682 - 100 Farm Lane - Morrell Construction Co.

The applicant has requested a continuance to the April 24, 2019 meeting.

Motion made by Mr. David, seconded by Mr. Weston, to continue the hearing to April 24, 2019 at the request of the applicant. Unanimous.

90 Brook Street - Notice of Intent - DEP #338-0684 – Stoler

The Commission opened the public hearing and reviewed copies of the Wetland Protection Act and Westwood Wetland Bylaw Application and associated documents, including the following:

6. WPA Form 3 – Notice of Intent and associated documents, signed by the Applicant Jeffery Stoler, dated March 18, 2019 and filed with the Conservation Commission and the Town Clerk on March 19, 2019;
7. Plans entitled “Site Plan in Westwood, Massachusetts 90 Brook Street”, prepared by Gregory Bunivicz of Borderland Engineering, Inc. of 61b Pleasant Street, Randolph, MA 02368, dated October 22, 2018, with revisions through December 11, 2018, consisting of one (1) sheet, and “Landscape Enhancement Plan for 90 Brook Street Westwood, MA , prepared by Land Design Associates , Inc., dated March 8, 2019, consisting of one sheet;
8. Report entitled “Single Family Home and Patio & Landscape Improvements 90 Brook Street Westwood, Massachusetts”, dated March 20, 2019, prepared by David Gordon of Thunderchase Environmental , LLC of 42 Fisher Road, Dedham, MA 02026.

Present is David Gordon, wetland consultant and Mr. Stoler, owner of 90 Brook Street.

Mr. Gordon is here to present a home patio and landscape improvement plan for 90 Brook Street.

Ms. Catrone states the wetland line was approved by Stephanie Hanson of Comprehensive Environmental Inc. (CEI), 21 Depot Street, Merrimack, NH 03054. CEI is doing inspections for the Commission as Ms. Catrone is unable at this time.

Mr. Gordon states all work will be outside 35 foot buffer. Mr. Gordon states the project includes the removal of the old and failing patio and rubble wall, with a new more functional feature, squaring off the driveway to make it more functional, elevate a portion of the rear yard to make it a useful family space, installation of an infiltration

system to collect runoff from the back downspouts, update to the existing sewer line, update the irrigation system and revegetate the disturbed/cleared area.

Present is Jim Egan of Land Design Associates. Mr. Egan states the goal is to create a new patio and outside area for the Stoler family to enjoy. We will be removing invasive plants, leveling the yard with walls and planting 50% native plants. We do not expect to be bringing in a lot of fill. We are proposing to remove the Bittersweet and Norway maple.

Ms. Catrone states Ms. Hanson spoke to Mr. Stoler about a problem with geese coming on to the lawn. Ms. Hanson suggested planting Low bush Blueberry to deter the geese as they do not like to fly over obstacles.

Motion made by Mr. Weston, seconded by Mr. David, to approve the project with standard conditions. Unanimous.

Action Items

Minor modification - DEP #338-0659 - 150 Arcadia Drive - McKay –

The Commission opened the public hearing and reviewed copies of the Wetland Protection Act and Westwood Wetland Bylaw Application and associated documents, including the following:

1. WPA Form 3 – Notice of Intent and associated documents, signed by the Applicant, Heather McKay, dated December 26, 2017 and filed with the Conservation Commission and the Town Clerk on March 19, 2019 prepared by Russ Waldron of Applied Ecological Sciences, P.O. Box 184 Norfolk, MA 02056, including thirty nine (39) pages;
2. Plans entitled “Plan showing Proposed Additions 150 Arcadia Road, Westwood, MA Norfolk County”, prepared by Dennis O’Brien of D. O’Brien Land Surveying, 31 Hayward Street, Franklin, MA, dated 11/10/17 with revisions through 3/7/18, including one (1) sheet and sketch plan dated 4/10/19, showing minor modification requested by CEI;

Present are Heather McKay and Nof Paparazzo, current owners of the property, requesting a Minor Modification of Order of Conditions #338-0659. They are requesting approval to install an underdrain in the raingarden to divert clean stormwater from the roof drain and sump pump to the stream in heavy volume events. (See sketch plan marked “sketch plan rec’d 4/10/19.”) This request came from Curt Busto of Comprehensive Environmental Inc. (CEI). Mr. Busto made this request during an inspection of the site. It was also requested that more grass seed be added to the rear of the property.

Motion made by Ms. Gordon, seconded by Mr. David to approve the request for Minor Modification. Unanimous.

Minor modification - DEP - #338-0582 - 80 Morgan Farm Lane - Petrozzi - Mr. Petrozzi is not present for the hearing. The Commission has some questions for the applicant and agree they would like to continue the hearing until which time a representative can be present to address their concerns.

Motion made by Mr. David, seconded by Mr. Weston, to continue the hearing to the April 24, 2019 meeting. Unanimous.

Motion made by Mr. Weston, seconded by Ms. Maneva, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous.
Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.