

**Town of Westwood**  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Minutes: Conservation Commission Meeting Date: May 22, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Location: Champagne Meeting Room, 50 Carby Street, Westwood, MA**

**7:00 p.m.**

The Conservation Commission meeting of May 22, 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, Vesna Maneva, Helen Gordon, Stephen David, R.J. Sheer and Todd Sullivan. Member Todd Weston was absent. Conservation Agent Karon Skinner Catrone was also present.

**Hearings:**

**Request for Determination of Applicability – 58 Woodland Road - Gorman**

The Commission opened the public hearing and reviewed copies of the Request for Determination of Applicability for the replacement of the existing deck, to be constructed on the same footprint, including the following:

1. WPA Form 1 – Request for Determination of Applicability signed by, Christopher Gorman, owner, and associated documents, including sixteen (16) pages;
2. Sketch plan with dimensions, entitled “58 Woodland Road, Westwood, MA, existing deck to be replaced 22.5’ x 20’ closest point to intermittent stream – 31’ , including one (1) sheet;

Present is Christopher Gorman, owner of 58 Woodland Road, requesting a negative Determination of Applicability to replace the existing deck in kind. He explains the existing deck sits on concrete footings which will be reused as is. There will be no excavation involve with this project.

The Commission agrees that erosion control consisting of a compost sock should be place 30 feet from the wetland line.

**Motion made by Ms. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Sullivan to issue a negative Determination of Applicability with the condition a compost sock be installed 30 feet from the wetland line. Ms. Catrone must inspect the erosion control line prior to start of work. Unanimous.**

**Notice of Intent – DEP file #338-0682- 32 - 36 Southwest Park – R6 Holding, LLC.**

The Commission opened the public hearing and reviewed copies of the Notice of Intent to repave the parking lot at 32 – 36 Southwest Park, including the following:

1. WPA Form 3 – Notice of Intent signed by, Kevin Routhier of R6 Holdings, LLC, of 34 Southwest Park, with cover letter dated April 30, 2019 and associated documents, including twenty five (25) pages;
2. DEP form - Checklist for Stormwater Report, including eleven (11) sheets;
3. Post Construction Operation and Maintenance Plan and Stormwater BMP Inspection and Maintenance Checklist, including three (3) pages;

4. Plan – “Proposed Conditions 32-36 Southwest Park, Westwood, Massachusetts”, dated April 8, 2019, stamped by Matthew Smith, and “Existing Conditions 32-36 Southwest Park, Westwood, Massachusetts”, dated April 8, 2019, stamped by Matthew Smith, including two (2) pages;

Present is David Johnson of Norwood Engineering of 1410 Route One, Norwood, MA 02062 representing the owner of R6 Holding, LLC, Kevin Routhier.

Mr. Johnson states the applicant is requesting an Order of Conditions to repave the parking lot at Southwest Park, which is a small industrial park off of Route One next to Rt. 128.

Mr. Johnson states the site lies within a flood zone but the applicant is not proposing any changes to the elevation. The drainage currently runs over the land and down a dirt swale. They are proposing this repaving because there are low areas that fill up with water in the winter and create a dangerous situation. Mr. Johnson states we are proposing a catch basin structure with a 4” sump and hood which will discharge to a small sediment forebay with a stone check dam before entering the existing waterway. The waterway will be improved by the placement of a rip rap stone surface. In addition, the drainage swale and the area adjacent to it will be cleaned of downed vegetation and trash. He states this is the maximum improvement possible for this redevelopment given the location and extent of the existing parking area and the topography on or adjacent to this site.

Mr. Rogers states he walked this site in the past and although this is an improvement he feels a rain garden will work well on the land next to the swale, which is owned by the state. He suggests that Mr. Johnson contact MassDOT and ask if this is something they would allow on their land. An easement may be needed to do this work on state land.

Mr. Johnson states he is concerned with the high ground water.

Mr. Rogers states if the state will not allow work on their property for rain garden or other options, the proposed design will be an improvement.

Present is Marilyn Lee-Two of 20 Southwest Park. She asks if this work will improve the water situation or make it worse.

Mr. David states if you were next door to this work you would benefit but you are located down the street so there may be no impact to your property. The area will be cleaned out so you may benefit from that.

**Motion made by Mr. David, seconded by Mr. Sullivan to continue this hearing to June 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. to allow the applicant to inquire with MassDOT as to whether the applicant can construct a rain garden on state property. Unanimous.**

### **845 High Street – Notice of Intent - DEP #338-0685 – Algonquin Gas**

The Commission opened the public hearing and reviewed copies of the Notice of Intent for 845 High Street and New Westwood Cemetery for proposed cathodic protection ground bed plan, including the following:

1. WPA Form 3 – Notice of Intent signed by, Michael Jaillet, Westwood Town Administrator, and Ivana Pejatovic, of Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC, with cover letter dated May 1, 2019 and associated documents;
2. Certificate of Mailing – Firm Sheets (23 sheets) submitted at the meeting;
3. Plans – Remote Ground Bed 1-1 High Street Westwood Cemetery, DWG : C-448A 1-3, stamped by Selby Turner, Survey Manager for VHB, including three (3) sheets;

Present are Gene Crouch of VHB, Ivana Peiatovic and Doug Parcher of Algonquin Gas and Jon Bonsall, attorney for Algonquin Gas, representing Algonquin gas on their Proposed Cathodic Protection Plan. This is required maintenance work.

Mr. Crouch states the line will run up the side of the church property and through the cemetery. An electric source is added to reduce rust. He states the wetland areas are shown on the plan in green and the stream is shown in blue. In the area of the stream, the conduit will run between the cemetery road and the stream. The cable will be in a 10" conduit. Anodes will be put into the ground and run along the line. This work will be done late June. Straw wattle along the work area will mark the limit of work.

Ms. Catrone asks that compost sock be used in place of straw wattle.

Mr. Crouch states the erosion control will be removed when work is complete and area is stabilized, which should be within one month.

Ms. Peiatovic states the area will then be covered with a seed mix.

Mr. Parcher states all work areas will be closed up before the end of each work day.

**Motion made by Mr. David, seconded by Mr. Sullivan to issue an Order of Conditions with the condition a compost sock by used in place of the straw wattle. Unanimous.**

Mr. David recuses himself from the next hearing.

**321 Gay Street – Notice of Intent - DEP #338-0687 – Kostovski**

The Commission opened the continued 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, Gele Kostovski, dated 4/1/19 and filed with the Conservation Commission and the Town Clerk on April 2, 2019, including twenty one (21) pages;
2. Revised Plan entitled "Notice of Intent Building Permit Plan 321 Gay Street in Westwood, MA", prepared by Site Design Professionals of One Merchant Street – Suite 110, Sharon, MA 02067, dated April 1, 2019, revised 5/15/19 consisting of one (1) sheet;
3. Letter to the Westwood Conservation Commission, Attn.: Karen Catrone, Conservation Agent, Re: Hearing Pursuant to MGL131 s. 40 and MGL c. 392, 321 Gay Street, Westwood, MA 02090 from Julie and David Krumsick of 14 Thatcher Street, Westwood, MA 02090.

Present are Christine Meaney of Site Design Professionals representing Mr. and Mrs. Kostovski, owners of 321 Gay Street, who are also present. The applicant is requesting an Order of Conditions for construction of a new driveway and curb cut in front of the existing house, a new driveway along the left property line to access a new 30' x 40' garage/barn in the rear yard, a new swimming pool and grading improvements. The grading improvements include drainage swales to facilitate a positive drainage pattern directing water to the rear of the lot. This hearing was continued from the 4/24/19 meeting.

Ms. Meaney states the following changes have been made to the plan: curbing has been added to the driveway, we cut deeper into the ground near the pool, the roof drain has been cut off at the swale, sub drains have been added to direct water toward the back yard, we have added an infiltration system and wetland and drainage monuments, we have added notes regarding the seed mix, removed fill and/or sand from the basin and added gravel, a stone trench has been added next to driveway, a construction apron for access and exit and a 6 foot high hedge to block view from the neighbors on Thatcher Street. She states there are four cultex systems shown to collect runoff from the front and side of the garage. An operation and maintenance plan is shown on the detail plan.

Ms. Gordon indicated that during her site walk she saw a sump pump directly discharging to the left corner of the house and must be addressed with the other stormwater work.

Mr. Sullivan asks about the trees in the front of the house near the grade.

Mr. Kostovski states all the trees died.

Mr. Rogers states a note should be added to the plan to maintain free flow in the swale.

The Commission agrees the front lawn should go back to its original grade.

**Motion made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Ms. Maneva, to issue an Order of Conditions with the above mentioned changes. Unanimous.**

Mr. David returns to the meeting.

**Certificate of Compliance – DEP #338-7, DEP #338-103 and DEP #338-105 - Phillips way**

The Commission opened the public hearing and reviewed copies of the Request for Certificate of Compliance, including the following:

1. DEP Form 8a – Request for Certificate of Compliance for DEP #338-7, DEP #338-103 and DEP #338-105, including two (2) pages each;
2. A copy of the Order of Conditions for DEP #338-7, DEP #338-103 and DEP #338-105, including two (2) pages each;

Present is Phillip Eramo of Eramo Construction, requesting a Certificate of Compliance for Orders of Conditions DEP #338-7, #338-103 and #338-105. Ms. Catrone states these are very old Order of Conditions.

Ms. Catrone states the files for these projects have been archived. The street and BMP's have been accepted by the town. Mr. Eramo is trying to sell a newly constructed home on this site and these old Orders of Conditions are flagging out.

Mr. Eramo states the catch basin is a vortex system. This may need to be cleaned out.

Mr. Rogers asks that Ms. Catrone speak with the Department of Public Works.

**Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Gordon, to issue Certificate of Compliances for DEP #338-7, #338-103 and #338-105. Unanimous.**

**Certificate of Compliance – DEP #338-0673 – 8 Stevens Circle**

The Commission opened the public hearing and reviewed copies of the Request for Certificate of Compliance, including the following:

1. DEP Form 8a – Request for Certificate of Compliance for DEP #338-0673, including two (2) pages;
2. Letter dated May 13, 2019 stating the project is in substantial compliance with the approved landscape design plans, including one (1) page;

Ms. Catrone states she inspected the site and found the area near the rain garden was not stabilized and the rain garden should have more plants added. She recommends the Commission not issue a certification of compliance at this time.

**Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Gordon, to deny the request for Certificate of Compliances for DEP #338-0673 at this time. Unanimous.**

**Other business**

1. Present is Thomas O'Leary of 85 Salisbury Drive. Mr. O'Leary is concerned about current work at 66 Salisbury Drive.

Ms. Catrone states a new garage and driveway were approved for this site under a Stormwater Administrative Permit.

Mr. O'Leary states he is concerned with the slope in the area vehicles will be backing out of the garage. He is concerned the cars will back up, fall down the slope and land in his yard.

Mr. Rogers explains that this does not fall under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission. He should speak to the building inspector.

2. Mr. Roger states he would like to have a site visit at Islington village Tuesday at 6:00 pm. He requests Ms. Catrone send everyone an email and that she call the applicant to have someone there to walk the site with us.

**Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Gordon, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.  
Unanimous.**