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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**Minutes: Conservation Commission Meeting Date:
Wednesday, April 13, 2022
Remote Meeting**

7:00 p.m. - Call to Order

The Westwood Conservation Commission meeting of Wednesday April 13, 2022, at 7:00 PM. is being held through Zoom due to the COVID-19 state of emergency and in compliance with the Governor's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law MGL C. 30A, §18 and the Governor's March 23 Emergency Order imposing limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place.

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The following members are present: John Rogers, chairperson, Debra Odeh, Todd Sullivan, and Grace Weller. Members Todd Weston, Stephen David and Vesna Maneva are absent. Conservation Agent, Karon Skinner Catrone is also present.

Mr. Rogers announces this meeting is being recorded.

Approval of Minutes: Consideration of Minutes for Meeting of January 12, 2022, January 26, 2022, February 16, 2022, March 9, 2022 and March 23, 2022. Tabled to the April 27, 2022 meeting.

Action Items:

1. 1012 High Street - DEP #338-0512 – Request for Certificate of Compliance – McKeeney
Ms. Catrone states this Action Item was continued from the last meeting to allow the applicant to show a patio on the as-build and provide a letter of significant compliance from the engineer. Ms. Catrone informs the commission that no new information has been received.
Motion made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Ms. Odeh, to continue this Action Item to the April 27, 2022 Meeting at 7:00 pm. Unanimous.
2. 7 Little Boot Lane – DEP #338-0635 – Request for Certificate of Compliance – Champion
Ms. Catrone states this Action Item was continued from the last meeting to allow the applicant to make revisions to the as-build plan. Ms. Catrone informs the commission that no new information has been received.
Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to continue this Action Item to the April 27, 2022 meeting at 7:00 pm. Unanimous.
3. 124 Mill Street – DEP #338-0614 - Request for Certificate of Compliance – Kiss
Ms. Catrone states the engineer's letter explains the patio and walkway were relocated and the deck was expanded. All work is within the limit of work.
The Commission agrees they do not have concerns because all work is within the approved limit of work.
Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Weller, to issue a complete Certificate of Compliance. Unanimous.
4. 10 Orchard Circle – DEP #338-0719 – Informal discussion regarding infiltration - Redliner
Present is Nasir Redliner, owner of 10 Orchard Circle, to discuss the required infiltration

for his pool project.

He would like to reduce the size by 25% and draw water down over 4 days.

The Commission agrees they do not have any concerns with this modification.

Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Weller, to approve this modification contingent on a revised plan and calculations showing the reduced sized infiltration system can handle the proposed volume of water. Unanimous.

5. 45 Clapboardtree Street – SMP-034 – Extension Request – Green

Ms. Catrone explains Daniel Green of the Green Company is requesting an extension to his Land Disturbance Permit SMP-034 to finish up the last units and do some housekeeping.

Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Sullivan to extend Land Disturbance Permit SMP-034 for one year. Unanimous.

6. Islington Center – DEP #338-0658 – Request for Certificate of Compliance – Petruzziello

Ms. Catrone states she did a site visit and found a lot of trash is the restoration area.

Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to continue this Action Item to the April 27, 2022 meeting at 7:00 pm. Unanimous.

7. 36 Woodridge Road – DEP #338-0731 – Request for Minor Modification – Ifarh

Ms. Catrone explains that the constructors hit ledge when digging for the infiltration system so they installed on the other side of the patio, just inside the 100-foot buffer.

The Commission agrees they do not have any concerns with this modification.

Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to approve the Request for a Minor Modification. Unanimous.

8. 790 Gay Street – DEP #338-0725 – Request for Minor Modification – Town of Westwood

Present is Roberto Fitzgerald of Dore and Whittier, 260 Merrimac Street, Building 7, 2nd floor, Newburyport, MA 01950. Mr. Fitzgerald explains they have completed the value engineering process on the Hanlon School project, which was voted in by the School Building Committee at their Friday, April 1st, 2022 meeting. This process resulted in several changes to the site plan, as follows:

1. A portion of the STEM porch, located outside the library, art and music rooms is scaled down in size, and paving associated with the outdoor classroom area, converting approximately 1,000 sf of concrete and bituminous pavement and stone wall to lawn/grass. This has resulted a reduction in several stormwater drainage systems accordingly. Please see attached memo, prepared by Nitsch Engineering, outlining these revisions. The central portion of the STEM porch directly outside the library will remain, along with the canopy.
2. Selective sections of sidewalk that were previously planned to be concrete are now asphalt. See yellow highlighted areas in the attached sketch. The SBC decided to keep granite curbing both along Gay Street and within the site. They also decided to keep the sidewalk along Gay Street as concrete.
3. Selective areas of shrubs and plantings planned on the west/northern sides of the fire access lane will be changed to wildlife seed mix. The Alternate plantings in this area will remain as Alternate.
4. The walkway canopy will be placed as an Alternate.

Ms. Catrone states these minor modifications were approved by the Planning Board at their April 12, 2022 meeting. The Commission agrees they have no concerns with these changes.

Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Weller, to approve the above changes as a Minor Modification to Order of Conditions DEP #338-0725. Unanimous.

Public Hearings:

6 Willett Pond Drive – Request for Determination – Ritzenberg

Replace deck

Ms. Catrone states she has not received a revise plan as requested by the Commission at the March 9, 2022 meeting which required a more definitive plan. The applicant has requested a continuance to 4/27/22.

Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to continue this action item to the April 27, 2022

Meeting at 7:00 pm. Unanimous.

Discussion Items:

1. Potential Tree policy/ordinance/bylaw
<https://www.mass.gov/doc/tree-by-law-and-ordinance-guide/download>
Mr. Rogers states he had hoped to finish revising the tree policy. He asks Ms. Catrone to ask town counsel which language would be preferred; policy or guideline. He suggests the members take a look at the Newton Conservation Commission website.
2. Assure Select Board's awareness of above items, clarify oversight of the Town's existing conservation lands and discuss potential Conservation Land Management Plan
<https://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/home/showpublisheddocument/7288/637012120637130000>
3. Commissioners' observations around town and next scheduled site visits
4. Update on significant projects and other topics not reasonably anticipated
5. Actively make buyers, property owners and realtors aware of WPA, wetland ordinance and stormwater ordinance

Executive Session: The Conservation Commission will be going into Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c.30A, s21 (1)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to a litigation for 42 Mill Street, Westwood, MA 02090; discussion of which would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governing body if discussion were in open session. The Commission will not return to open session.

Motion made by Ms. Odeh, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to adjourn the meeting and enter into Executive Session. The Commission will not return to Open Session. The Commission is polled. Mr. Rogers votes yes. Mr. Sullivan votes yes. Ms. Odeh votes yes. Ms. Weller votes yes. Unanimous. The Commission enters Executive Session.

Upcoming Meeting: 4/27/2022 REMOTE PARTICIPATION

Note: Agenda items and order subject to change