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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**Minutes: Conservation Commission Meeting Date:
Wednesday, March 23, 2022
Remote Meeting**

7:00 p.m. - Call to Order

The Westwood Conservation Commission meeting of Wednesday March 23, 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: Stephen David, acting chairperson, John Rogers, Debra Odeh, Todd Sullivan, and Grace Weller. Members Todd Weston and Vesna Maneva were absent. Conservation Agent, Karon Skinner Catrone was also present.

Mr. David announces this meeting is being recorded.

Action Items:

1. 15 Cedar Hill Drive – DEP #338-0689 – Request for Certificate of Compliance – Crawford

The Commission opened the discussion and reviewed copies of the Request for Certificate of Compliance For 15 Cedar Hill Drive, including the following:

1. WPA Form 8A – Request for Certificate of Compliance submitted by Robert Crawford, owner of 15 Cedar Hill Drive, including two (2) pages;
2. Letter of significant compliance, stamped and signed by Daniel O'Driscoll of O'Driscoll Land Surveying, Inc, of 46 Cottage Street, Medway, MA 02053, including one (1) page;
3. Plan – AS-BUILT PLAN 15 CEDAR HILL DRIVE WESTWOOD, MASSACHUSETTS, dated Jan. 19, 2022, stamped and signed by Daniel O'Driscoll of O'Driscoll Land Surveying, Inc, including one (1) sheet;

Mr. David states we have all of the necessary paperwork. The infiltration systems are shown on the plan and were inspected by Ms. Catrone prior to backfill. Ms. Catrone shows pictures of the completed project. Mr. David states he has no concerns with this project.

Motion made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Ms. Odeh, to issue a Complete Certificate of Compliance. Unanimous.

2. 1012 High Street - DEP #338-0512 – Request for Certificate of Compliance – McKeeney

The Commission opened the discussion and reviewed copies of the Request for Certificate of Compliance for 1012 High Street, including the following:

1. WPA Form 8A – Request for Certificate of Compliance submitted by Daniel McKeeney, owner of 1012 High Street, Westwood MA 02090, including two (2) pages;
2. Plan – AS-BUILT SITE PLAN, last revision date 12/05/13 stamped and signed by James Fitzgerald of McKenzie Designs of 11 Howard Street, Franklin, MA 02038, including one (1) sheet;

Ms. Catrone states the area is stabilized. Infiltration systems and plantings were not required. The drainage is directed to riprap areas. There is an unapproved paver patio in the rear that is not shown of the as-built plan.

Mr. Rogers states the as-built plan should be reflecting the existing conditions on the site.

Mr. David states we need a request for a minor modification from the applicant and a letter of significant compliance from the engineer. He states he does not have a problem with the patio, this is just the process. Present is Mr. McKeeney, owner of 1012 High Street.

Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Odeh, to continue this Action Item to 4/13/22 to allow the applicant to request a Minor Modification and submit an engineer's letter of significant compliance. Unanimous.

3. 7 Little Boot Lane – DEP #338-0635 – Request for Certificate of Compliance - Champion

The Commission opened the discussion and reviewed copies of the Request for Certificate of Compliance for 7 Little Boot Lane, including the following:

1. WPA Form 8A – Request for Certificate of Compliance submitted by Field Resources, Inc. of 281 Chestnut Street, Needham, MA 02492, including two (2) pages;
2. Letter of significant compliance, stamped and signed by Bradley Simonelli of Field Resources, Inc., including one (1) page;
3. Plan – CONSERVATION PLAN OF LAND 7 LITTLE BOOT LANE WESTWOOD, MASS., including one (1) sheet;

Present is Dianne Simonelli of Field Resources, Inc. representing the Mr. Champion of 7 Little Boot Lane, also present. Ms. Catrone states this was on the 3/9/22 agenda but the Commission had some questions but there was no one present to represent the owner. At the last meeting the Commission had requested the infiltration be shown on the plan and a representative be present tonight.

Ms. Simonelli states the infiltration system was not installed as approved. She displays a plan from the pool company. The pool company added a trench with perforated pipes directed to the infiltration system.

The owner states there is also a Bocce court and a wooden seat on the plan that were not proposed but both are pervious.

Mr. Rogers states the landing on the stairs should be shown in black, not red, on the plan because they are existing.

Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to continue this Action Item to the 4/13/22 Meeting to allow the applicant to revise the plan. Unanimous.

Approval of Minutes: Consideration of Minutes for Meeting of January 12, 2022, January 26, 2022, February 16, 2022 and March 9, 2022. Tabled to the 4/13/22 meeting.

Public Hearings:

154 University Ave., 46 Dartmouth St., 346A University Ave. and 34 Yale St. – Request for Determination – DWWD

Redevelopment and cleaning of 4 wells

The Commission opened the discussion and reviewed copies of the Request for Determination of Applicability for 154 University Ave., 46 Dartmouth St., 346A University Ave. and 34 Yale St., including the following:

1. WPA Form 1 – Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by Amanda Houle of Tighe & Bond of 4 Barlows Landing Road, Unit #15 Pocasset, MA 02559, including fifty-eight (58) pages;
2. Plan – GIS plans, including four (4) sheets;

Present are Ben Levesqui and Christina Pacella of Tighe & Bond.

Ms. Pacella explains the proposed project includes the redevelopment and cleaning of four (4) wells owned and operated by the Dedham-Westwood Water District, located in Westwood. The wells are located in developed areas along University Avenue. This is required maintenance.

The Commission agrees this work is required and they do not have any concerns.

Motion made by Mr. David, seconded by Mr. Roger, to issue a negative #3 determination. 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

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

Upcoming Meeting: 4/13/2022 REMOTE PARTICIPATION

Note: Agenda items and order subject to change