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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**Minutes: Conservation Commission Meeting Date:
Wednesday, March 9, 2022
Remote Meeting**

7:00 p.m. - Call to Order

The Westwood Conservation Commission meeting of Wednesday March 9, 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 and Vesna Maneva. Members Todd Weston and Todd Sullivan were absent. Conservation Agent, Karon Skinner Catrone and potential new member, Grace Weller were also present.

Mr. David announces this meeting is being recorded.

Action Items:

1. 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;

Mr. David states the infiltration system is not shown on the plan. No one is present to represent the applicant.

Ms. Catrone will call the Engineering firm and request the infiltration be shown on the plan and a representative is present at the next meeting.

Motion made by Mr. David, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to continue this action item to the 3/23/22 meeting. Unanimous.

2. 9 Recess Way – DEP #338-0711 – Minor Modification – Joyce

Ms. Odeh discloses that she lives in the Neighborhood and is president of the homeowner's association.

Mr. David does not see this as a conflict.

Ms. Catrone states the applicant has made several minor changes including adding or changing location of the under-ground propane tank, condensers, gas grill, generator and pool equipment. All work is within the limit of work and has already be done.

Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Maneva to approve the Minor Modification. Unanimous.

Approval of Minutes: Consideration of Minutes for Meeting of January 12, 2022, January 26, 2022 and February 16, 2022. Tabled to 3/23/22 at 7:00 pm.

Public Hearings:

394 and 396 Boston Providence Turnpike – ANRAD – DEP #338-0 – Colbea Enterprise

Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation – Wetland Boundary Confirmation

The Commission opened the public hearing and reviewed copies of the Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation for 394 and 396 Boston Providence Turnpike to confirm the wetland boundary, including the following:

1. WPA Form 4A – Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation submitted by Kelly Killeen of CHA Consulting, Inc. of 141 Longwater Drive Norwell, MA 02061 dated February 2022, including forty-six (46) pages;
2. Plan – PROJECT LOCATION #394 BOSTON PROVIDENCE PIKE EXISTING CONDITIONS PLAN dated 11/19/21 revised 1/20/22, including one (1) sheet;

Present is Scott Arnold of CHA Consulting, Inc. representing Colbea Enterprises, LLC. Mr. Arnold is requesting a wetland boundary confirmation for the wetlands at 394 and 396 Boston Providence Tnpk.

Ms. Catrone states there are only 3 flags on the site.

Mr. Arnold states the wetlands are off site.

The Commission agreed he will need to flag the entire wetland line under an ANRAD or NOI submittal.

Ms. Catrone states the three flags out there are accurate.

Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. David to approve flags 7, 8 and 9 only. Unanimous.

6 Willett Pond Drive – Request for Determination – Ritzenberg

Replace deck

The Commission opened the public hearing and reviewed copies of the Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) for the replacement of a deck, includes the following:

1. WPA Form 1 – Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by Jeremy Ritzenberg, owner dated 2/22/22, including ten (10) pages;
2. Plan – Mortgage Inspection Plan drawn by James Patrick Smith of New England Land Survey of 25 Sutton Avenue, Oxford, MA 01540 dated 5/17/13, including one (1) sheet;

Present is Jeremy Ritzenberg, owner of 6 Willett Pond Drive.

Mr. Ritzenberg displays pictures of the deck. He states the existing deck is in poor condition. He states he may repair a portion of the deck. If the upper deck is expanded the lower deck will be smaller to compensate for the expansion. He states helical piers have been suggested by contractors.

Mr. Rogers states he is leaning in the direction of requiring the submittal of a Notice of Intent.

Mr. David states he believes a plan showing this work would be sufficient.

Mr. Ritzenberg states the construction will not be closer to the wetland line.

The Commission agrees the RDA should include a definitive plan.

Motion made by Mr. David, seconded by Ms. Odeh, to continue the hearing to April 13 at 7:00 pm. to allow the applicant to provide a definitive plan. Unanimous.

122 Wilsondale Street – Request for Determination – Williamson

Yard improvements

The Commission opened the public hearing and reviewed copies of the Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) for yard improvements at 122 Wilsondale Street, includes the following:

1. WPA Form 1 – Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by Allison Campbell of Allison Campbell Design of 97 Glen Street, Natick, MA 01760 dated 2/22/22, including five (5) pages;
2. Plan – titled “Williamson Residence 122 Wilsondale St., Westwood, MA”, submitted by Allison Campbell, dated February 4, 2022.
3. Plan – titled “TOPOGRAPHIC PLAN 122 WILSONDALE STREET WESTWOOD, MASSACHUSETTS”

dated 8/4/2020, revised 10/16/2020, drawn by Daniel O’Driscoll of O’Driscoll Land Surveying, Inc. of 46 Cottage Street, Medway, MA 02053 (This plan does not show the in-ground pool.), including one (1) sheet;

Present is Karl Jackson of Landscape of Alison Campbell Design.

Mr. Jackson states this project included landscaping and an in-ground pool. The proposed pool is outside the 100-foot buffer zone. Landscaping, fire pit and shed are within the 100-foot buffer zone. He states the grade will be cut and boulders will be installed to hold the land. We will be impacting 1,600 sq. ft. The pool requires no back wash. Ms. Catrone suggests the proposed hemlocks be switched out to avoid the maintenance of treating for Woolly Adelgid. Ms. Maneva agrees.

Motion made by Ms. Maneva to issue a Negative Determination #3 with the condition compost sock and orange construction fence be installed as erosion control.

Discussion Items:

1. Potential Tree policy/ordinance/bylaw
<https://www.mass.gov/doc/tree-by-law-and-ordinance-guide/download>
Present is Maria Constantini of the Westwood Environmental Action Committee (WEAC). Ms. Constantini is present for the discussion regarding a potential tree policy.
Mr. Rogers states we often discuss trees. The Commission is currently looking at a Conservation Land Management Plan. Ms. Catrone has provided a draft of the Newton Tree Police which the Commission likes. Ms. Constantini states when this is satisfactory to the Commission WEAC could give the Commission support with this policy.
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: 3/23/2022 REMOTE PARTICIPATION

Note: Agenda items and order subject to change