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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**Minutes: Conservation Commission Meeting Date:
Wednesday, December 8, 2021
Remote Meeting**

7:00 p.m. - Call to Order

The Westwood Conservation Commission meeting of Wednesday December 8, 2021, 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, 2020 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, Todd Weston, and Vesna Maneva. Member Todd Sullivan is absent. Conservation Agent, Karon Skinner Catrone was also present.

Mr. David announces this meeting is being recorded.

Action Items:

1. Request for minor modification – DEP #338-0688 – 169 Mill Street – Present is Mark Musacchio, owner of 169 Mill Street. Mr. Musacchio states he is requesting a minor modification to remove a retaining wall, bring landscape to original elevation and lower the infiltration system to create a level yard. He states we thought the wall would be a good idea when we filed the Notice of Intent but it resulted in what we feel to be a safety issue for his 3 small children.

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

Public Hearings:

790 Gay Street – Notice of Intent - DEP #338-0725 – Town of Westwood – Continued to January 12, 2022

Ms. Catrone states the applicant has requested a continuance to January 12, 2022.

Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. David, to continue the hearing to January 12, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the request of the applicant. Unanimous.

20 Wildwood Drive – Notice of Intent - DEP #338-0730 – Chen

The Commission opened the public hearing and reviewed copies of the Notice of Intent for 20 Wildwood Drive for proposed backyard improvements, including the following:

1. WPA Form 3 – Notice of Intent Application, submitted by Litao Chen, owner of 20 Wildwood Drive dated 11/1/21, including nine (9) pages;
2. Plan titled “CERTIFIED PLOT PLAN LOCATED AT 20 WILDWOOD DRIVE ASSESSORS PARCEL #20-078 WESTWOOD, MA NORFOLK COUNTY”, dated 11/10/21 drawn by Christopher Charlton of Continental Land Survey, LLC of 105 Beaver Street, Franklin, MA, including one (1) sheet;

Present is Litao Chen, owner of 20 Wildwood Drive. Mr. Chen explains he is requesting an Order of Conditions to improve his rear yard. These improvements include cutting the ledge, leveling the area and adding a patio. All work is outside the 35-foot buffer.

Mr. Rogers states there is a steep slope in the rear of the property. We need to be sure the compost sock is in the appropriate location. The sock should be placed at the top and bottom of the slope.

Ms. Maneva states slope stabilization and plantings behind the fence will be required. Regarding the slope, the most we would want to see is a 2 to 1 slope.

Mr. Chen states we will be removing approximately 10 mature trees.

Present is Jared Levin of 8 Wildwood Drive. Mr. Levin states he is concerned about the ledge removal.

Ms. Catrone states a construction sequence plan should be required.

Mr. David suggests a site visit on Friday morning at 9:00 am.

Motion made by Mr. David, seconded by Mr. Rogers to continue the hearing to January 12, 2022 to allow the Commission to walk the site and the applicant to revised the plan. Unanimous.

450 Canton Street – Stormwater Notice of Intent - SMP #0? – Marino Land Dev.

Ms. Catrone states the applicant has requested a continuance to January 12, 2022 to allow BETA to complete the peer review.

Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Maneva, to continue the hearing to January 12, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the request of the applicant. Unanimous.

Discussion Items:

1. Commissioners' observations around town and next scheduled site visits
2. Current significant projects
3. Reserved for topics not reasonably anticipated to be discussed
4. Actively make buyers, property owners and realtors aware of WPA, wetland ordinance and stormwater ordinance
5. Brief Select Board on Concom and need for Conservation Land Management Plan

Upcoming Meeting: 1/12/2022 REMOTE PARTICIPATION

Note: Agenda items and order subject to change

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