

**Town of Westwood**  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Minutes: Conservation Commission Meeting Date: May 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Location: remote**

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**7:00 p.m. – Call to Order**

The Conservation Commission meeting of May 27, 2020 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, R.J. Sheer, Helen Gordon, Stephen David and Todd Sullivan. Member Todd Weston was absent. Conservation Agent, Karon Skinner Catrone was also present. Mr. David will chair tonight's meeting.

**Action Items:**

1. Certificate of Compliance – 837-845 High Street – Algonquin Gas

Present is Jean Crouch. Mr. Crouch states I submitted the Notice of Intent on behalf of Algonquin Gas. The project was brought to you last year. The project involved installing aphotic protection in the ground bed which involved putting anodes and cables in the ground, through the woods, across the stream and in the cemetery. All work was completed. It is all stabilized at this, time with the exception of one area. Photos of the project and the un stabilized area are shared.

Mr. Rogers states he was out there today.

**Motion made by Mr. David, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to issue a Certificate of Compliance for 837-845 High Street with the conditions this area is stabilized as soon as possible. Unanimous.**

**Roll call – Mr. Rogers, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. David, Ms. Maneva, Mr. Sheer and Ms. Gordon vote in favor.**

**Approval of Minutes:** Consideration of Minutes for Meeting of February 12, 2020 and May 13, 2020. Minutes were not discussed.

**Public Hearings:**

**116 Pine Lane – Request for Determination - Guifarro**

Remove existing deck and construct new deck

DEP Form 1, certified site plan and associated documents

Present is Mr. Glossa of Glossa Engineering and Allison Guifarro, owner.

Ms. Catrone shares plans.

Ms. Guifarro states we would like to raise the deck and construct a larger deck.

Mr. Glossa states we are proposing a 20' x 20' deck.

Mr. Guifarro states the patio will remain the same.

Mr. Glossa states the lot is flat. We will just be installing two footing and constructing the deck. An 8” compost sock is proposed.

Mr. Rogers states this work is outside the 50-foot buffer.

Ms. Maneva asks if there will be spacing between the floor board.

Mr. Glossa states yes.

Mr. Rogers states crush stone should be placed under the deck.

**Motion made by Mr. David, seconded by Ms. Maneva, to issue a Negative Determination #3.**

**Unanimous.**

**Roll call – Mr. Rogers, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. David, Ms. Maneva, Mr. Sheer and Ms. Gordon vote in favor.**

### **11 Willett Pone Drive - Notice of Intent – DEP #338-0 – Guidone**

Relocate driveway, replace pool, construct erosion wall, and landscaping

DEP Form 3, certified site plan and associated documents

Present are Mr. Glossa of Glossa Engineering and Jay Gidone, owner.

Mr. Glossa states Willett Pond Drive is near the pump station on Brook Street. The lot sits out on a peninsula. The applicant is proposing relocating the driveway, replacing the pool and construction of a retaining wall to prevent erosion. The new driveway will run out to the right. The driveway will be pavement with a 2’ x 2’ trench to collect drainage from the driveway. The driveway is going to Willett Pond Drive and will slope toward the trench. A new paver walkway will be installed as shown on the plan. We are proposing new plantings. The owner would like to remove 6 trees in association with the project.

He states much of my plan was derived from a plan done by James Eagan, Landscaper. There is an existing pool with an associated building. This area will be landscaped. We are also showing infiltration for the pool. Scuppers are proposed along the pool deck. This water will go to the infiltration system. The final proposal is an 18” retaining wall along the pond, 3’- 10’ from the water. It is within the 100-year flood plain. There would be fill on the upland side of the pond.

Ms. Gordon states it is within the 10’ no disturb and asks if anyone has looked at the calculations.

Ms. Glossa states he has not done test pits. I don’t think the soil will be an issue. Infiltration systems will end up 5 feet above the normal water table.

Ms. Catrone asks Mr. Glossa to explain the construction of the wall.

Mr. Glossa states a machine will dig down 12” – 18’ and fill the hole with crushed stone. The wall will be constructed by hand on the crushed stone.

Mr. Rogers states he would like to look at the lot and look at the plans more closely. He states he has concerns about the retaining wall.

Ms. Maneva states she would like to see a cross section of the wall and under drains, if proposed.

**Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to continue this hearing to 6/10/2020 at 7:00 pm. to allow the applicant to make requested changes to the plan.**

**Roll call – Mr. Rogers, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. David, Ms. Maneva, Mr. Sheer and Ms. Gordon vote in favor.**

### **50 Pleasant Valley Drive - Notice of Intent – DEP #338-0703 – Melville**

Construct in-ground pool and cabana

DEP Form 3, certified site plan and associated documents

Present are Daniel O’Driscoll of O’Driscoll Surveying and Joseph Melville, owner, requesting an Order of Conditions to install an in-ground pool, cabana and patio.

Ms. Catrone shares the plan.

Mr. O'Dricoll states he did the survey for the pool. The proposal in front of you is the construct an in-ground pool. The wetlands are about 10 feet from the property line. One tree will need to be removed and we are proposing 3 new trees.

Mr. Rogers states the elevations are not shown. What is finish elevation for walk out.

Mr. O'Driscoll states it is at elevation 90. Grades around the pool will be at around elevation 90. A proposed fence will surround the project as shown on the plan. Erosion control is shown on the plan.

Mr. Melville states we got quotes for 3 trees to be removed.

Mr. O'Driscoll feels the only one that must be removed is the one between the pool and the cabana.

Mr. Melville states the tree removal company said this tree is dead.

Mr. Rogers asks Mr. O'Driscoll to discuss dry well and what water is being collected.

Mr. O'Driscoll states they are collecting runoff from the house. These are existing.

Mr. Rogers states we want to see the plumbing for these wells. Is this a salt water pool?

Mr. Melville states it is salt water. The pool will not be drained.

Mr. Rogers states discussed the drawdown.

Mr. O'Driscoll states if the pool is drained it will fill the dry well. For 2 feet of drawdown I calculated 240 gallons.

Mr. Rogers asks what the ground cover will be on the slope.

Mr. Melville states he does not know.

Ms. Maneva states the patio is very close to the 35' buffer. The pool should be moved so there is room for work.

Ms. Catrone asks if the patio is pavers.

Mr. Melville states stamped concrete.

**Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Gordon, to continue this hearing to 6/10/2020 at 7:00 pm. to allow the applicant to revise the plan.**

**Roll call – Mr. Rogers, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. David, Ms. Maneva, Mr. Sheer and Ms. Gordon vote in favor.**

### **121 Cedar Lane - Notice of Intent – DEP #338-0 – Sandonato**

Filing in response to a violation

DEP Form 3, certified site plan and associated documents

Ms. Catrone states she has still not received a complete application for this project. The applicant has not notified the abutters.

### **Violations:**

### **Discussion Items:**

1. Commissioners' observations around town and next scheduled site visits –
  - a. Mr. Rogers states he heard there were ATVs in the Pheasant Hill Conservation Area. He discusses a post from Facebook and he believes this has been resolved.
  - b. Mr. Rogers states there was a sewer overflow in the University Ave. and Canton Street area. DPW took care of this very quickly. There is a lot of trash in the area. He will speak to the Town Administrator.
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
6. Rain garden at 150 Arcadia Road – DEP #338-0659 – Mr. Glossa is present and states at some point the Commission asked the applicant to create a rain garden. The rain garden was not functioning and the Commission asked me to look at it. The system should flow by gravity but it is not but the topos are not allowing this. The homeowner would like to pipe that to an under drain

to wetland. This is clean water.

**Motion made by Mr. David, seconded by Mr. Sheer, to continue this discussion to the 6/10/2020 meeting at 7:00 pm. Unanimous.**

**Upcoming Meeting:** 6/10/2020 Champagne Meeting Room, Carby Municipal Building, 50 Carby Street, Westwood, MA

**Note:** Agenda items and order subject to change

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