

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
AMENDED AGENDA
APRIL 16, 2008

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Terry Maitland, Janet Adachi, William Froberg, Fran Portante, Linda Serafini, Patty Lee

RECORDING SECRETARY: Andrea Ristine

VISITORS: Jim Yourk, Joseph Shea, Jacob Troidl, Anthony Capobianco, Linda McElroy, Yin Peet

7:21 Request for Determination (RDA) - 100 Powdermill Road - Powdermill Plaza (010)
Applicant: David Capobianco / Atlantic Acton Realty LP

Joseph Shea from Woodard & Curran reported to the Commission that the Applicant is proposing to conduct maintenance of the existing stormwater management system within 100' of a bordering vegetated wetland and 200' riverfront area of the Assabet River. Mr. Shea noted that Powdermill Plaza was recently connected to the town sewer system. The current proposal is to clean the existing detention basin which has not been cleaned or maintained over the years.

Jacob Troidl from Woodard & Curran presented the Stormwater Management System Maintenance Plan. The existing detention basin is partially grassed, vegetated and wooded; approximately 1.5' of sediment has accumulated at the outlet pipe area and some trees have fallen in the basin as well. The Applicant proposes to clear out the vegetation that impedes proper functioning of the basin; the exposed soils will be seeded and anchored with netting and may be covered with erosion control blanket if needed for winter mulch.

Mr. Shea noted that the overgrowth of trees in the basin adjacent to the intersection of Powdermill Road and Knox Trail has caused site visibility issues; the Applicant proposes to remove the trees and other vegetation to help clear site distance for safety reasons.

Upon query by Mr. Maitland, Mr. Shea reported that the detention basin does not overflow but does partially fill with runoff during major storm events.

Upon query by Ms. Adachi, Mr. Shea stated that Mr. Tidman had asked that the project be filed as a Notice of Intent (NOI) but Mr. Shea chose to file an RDA with more detailed information than required for an RDA. A wetland scientist did evaluate the site and found no hydric soils.

Upon query by Ms. Adachi, Mr. Shea stated that the Applicant, although within the riverfront area, proposes to remove as many trees as possible in the basin adjacent to the intersection of Powdermill/Knox to improve site line visibility and remove the drainage impediment caused by roots and sediment.

Upon query by Mr. Froberg, Mr. Shea reported that he does not know the number of trees that will be removed to address drainage and visibility problems.

Upon query by Mr. Maitland, Mr. Shea stated that the Applicant will clear the cluster trees at intersection on a tree-by-tree basis; anything that seems marginal would be removed during activities currently proposed.

Upon query by Mr. Froberg, Mr. Shea acknowledged that there are some mature trees that will be removed that are not healthy. Drainage from the plaza's front parking area is directed into this basin.

Upon query by Mr. Maitland, Mr. Shea reported that the Order of Conditions (OOC) issued by the Commission for the sewer connection has received a Certificate of Compliance.

Upon query by Ms. Portante, Mr. Shea stated that this basin flows slowly, does not currently overflow but is not functioning as originally designed.

- 7:36 Hearing no further comments or questions, Mr. Maitland closed the meeting

Determination of Applicability - 100 Powdermill Road - Powdermill Plaza

Mr. Froberg moved that the Commission find that the work as proposed is within its jurisdiction but will not impact the resource areas but require that prior to the commencement of work the Applicant shall mark all on-site trees that the Applicant proposes to remove, and submit a written request to the Town Conservation Agent or the Commission for an on-site inspection and authorization of the proposed tree removals. The Applicant shall include with the written request a marked plan or written description that identifies the trees to be removed.

Ms. Adachi 2nd; the motion passed unanimously.

- 7:40 Request for Determination - 97 Windsor Avenue - James J. Yourk (020)

James Yourk presented a plan for the proposed addition of a 12' x 16' deck within 100' of a bordering vegetated wetland. There is an existing driveway between the wetland area and the proposed deck; currently there is an existing patio where the deck will be constructed.

Upon query by Mr. Maitland, Mr. Yourk stated that the deck will serve only the first level of the house.

Upon query by Ms. Lee, Mr. Yourk stated that the area is flat with no slopes or changes in grade and does not propose installing siltation prevention as recommended by Mr. Tidman.

Determination of Applicability - 97 Windsor Avenue

Ms. Portante moved that the Commission find that the work as proposed is within its jurisdiction but will not impact the resource area. Mr. Froberg 2nd; motion passed unanimously.

- 7:47 Inquiry - 68 Quarry Road - 85-948 - Yin Peet

Yin Peet stated that she wishes not to pave the driveway as originally proposed in order to keep a more natural aspect to the property; instead she is considering packed stone (star-pac) or recycled asphalt.

The Commission reviewed the previously approved plan.

The Commission was open to the idea of a more natural setting but would need an engineered plan proving that it will work with drainage structures proposed on site.

- 7:45 Land Stewardship Committee - Trail through Time - Linda McElroy

Ms. McElroy reported that the Community Preservation Program (CPP), Article 32 H funds were approved at annual town meeting which will be a part of the proposed Trail through Time (TTT). The recent CPP funding of \$35,000 will be used to restore one site that the TTT will access. Currently there is no designated parking area so visitors to this area park at the end of Wheeler Lane which is a dead end. A ten-car parking area is proposed on Town-owned land. An upper loop trail is proposed with handicap-accessible picnic tables, benches, and plantings will also be added around a proposed kiosk. An on-site meeting will be arranged with abutters to make them aware of the proposed project in the near future. The Community Preservation Committee has requested that the Conservation Commission endorse the plan.

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Ms. Adachi moved that the Commission accept the minutes for March 19 and April 2; Ms. Serafini 2nd, motion passed unanimously.

8:55 Meeting adjourned.

Terrence Maitland
Terrence Maitland,
Chair

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7:15 Request for Determination - 100 Powdermill Road - Powdermill Plaza (010)

Engineer: Woodard & Curran Applicant: David Capobianco / Atlantic Acton Realty LP
Maintenance of the existing stormwater management system within 100' of a bordering vegetated wetland and 200' riverfront area of the Assabet River.

7:30 Request for Determination - 97 Windsor Avenue - James J. Yourk (020)

Proposed addition of a 12' x 16' deck within 100' of a bordering vegetated wetland.

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MINUTES

March 19 comments rec'd by TT, LS, JA *signature*
April 2 comments rec'd by TT, LS, JA, FP