



## **Acton Conservation Commission**

Meeting Minutes

March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

7:15 PM

Virtual Meeting

**Present:** Terry Maitland (Chair), Jim Colman, Kate Warwick, Zywia Chadzynska, Amy Green, Peter Hocknell

**Absent:** Jillian Peters

**Conservation Agent:** Mike Gendron

7:15 The Chairman, Terry Maitland opened the meeting and read virtual meeting guidelines.

### **Regular Business**

7:15 **Determination of Applicability:** 6 Heather Hill Road

Representing the applicant was Hannah Kowalski of Dandelion Energy. Hannah explained that the applicant was hoping to add a closed loop geothermal system to their house. This work would include removal of a patio inside of the buffer zone and drilling bore holes just outside the buffer zone. Hannah explained that the equipment needed to drill the bore holes would need to be in the buffer zone along with the erosion controls. Hannah stated that the wetlands were delineated in 2014.

Amy Green asked about the propylene glycol used and if it would be monitored for leaks. Hannah explained that there is remote monitoring built in to the system and the product is not reportable per the MA contingency plan. Hearing no further questions, the chairman closed the hearing.

**Hearing closed at 7:28 PM.**

### **Decision**

Amy moved to issue a negative 3 determination with the condition that any patio and/or tree removal must be approved by the conservation agent.

Peter seconded and the roll call vote was unanimous.

7:30 **Notice of Intent:** 2 Taylor Road; DEP 85-13XX

Representing the applicant was Bettina Abe of the Acton Conservation Division. Bettina explained the proposed project to add a small fish pond to the arboretum. The pond was initially proposed within the 75-foot setback, but after further investigation there was a possible location 78 feet from the proposed wetland. Bettina explained that an electrical line would be run from the utility shed to the pond to allow for filtration and circulation of the pond. Bettina also explained that an ADA path would be connected to the existing path to allow access to the pond.



Jim expressed that there didn't seem to be a clear enough plan associated with the NOI to refer back to when a certificate of compliance was requested. Amy stated that erosion controls should be displayed on the plan as well. Amy also stated that she would like to see native fish in the pond in lieu of Coy or Goldfish.

**Public Comment (Renee -Taylor Rd):** *Is this the best location considering sun/shade?*

Bettina stated that based on the utility shed and conditions of the site it is an ideal location. *This pond seems to require more upkeep; will this require more work for volunteers?* Bettina explained that the volunteers will take care of the pond but it shouldn't be hard to find folks to do that work. *Concerned about the increase of mosquitoes because of the pond.*

Hearing no further comments or questions the chairman explained that the hearing would be **continued** to the virtual hearing on **April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:25 pm.**

**7:58 Notice of Intent: 1&5 Nagog Park; DEP 85-13XX**

Representing the applicant was Garret Horsfall of Kelly Engineering. Garret explained the project which is to remove the existing Nagog Park retail and construct two car dealerships in its place; this would include parking lot modifications. Garret stated that there will be a reduction of 5800 sq feet of pavement in the buffer zone will be replaced with a New England seed mix.

Garret explained that water quality devices would be installed at the current outfalls, but there would be no increase to point source discharges into Nagog Pond. There are tight tanks associated with the floor drains in the buildings but no additional tanks on site. A stormwater peer review is currently underway (GCG); Garret stated that he would report back when they received feedback.

**Public Comment (Paul Raymond):** *The local neighborhoods are walkable to Nagog Park; does not see how a car dealership benefits the community.*

**Public Comment (Linda Onsuka):** *Water table will be greatly affected; What is the potential stormwater impacts of this project?*

Amy Green asked if Concord had been notified of the project? Yes, a meeting was scheduled to discuss impacts to Nagog Pond. Amy stated that she would like to see non-native trees removed from planting plan.

The Chairman announced that because there is no DEP number and they are still waiting on peer review results; the hearing would be **continued** to the virtual meeting on **April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.**



8:29 **Notice of Intent:** 530 Massachusetts Ave; DEP 85-1341

Representing the applicant was Robert Melvin of Stamsky & McNary. Robert explained that since the last hearing the plan had been changed, removing the outfall within the 75-foot setback and added an overflow catch basin outside the 75-foot setback. Robert stated that the overflow would only be in a 100-year storm and the outflow would not cause significant erosion. Hearing no further comments/questions the Chairman closed the hearing.

**Hearing closed at 8:38 pm.**

Jim moved to issue a standard order of conditions.  
Amy seconded and a roll call vote was unanimous.

### **Consent Items**

#### **Minutes of February 15, 2023**

Amy moved to approve the minutes of February 15, 2023.  
Jim seconded and the roll call vote approved the minutes; Peter abstained.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM.**

#### **Documents and exhibits used at this meeting:**

RDA filing for 6 Heather Hill Road  
NOI Filing for 2 Taylor Road; DEP 85-13xx  
NOI Filing for 1&5 Nagog Park; DEP 85-13xx  
NOI Filing for 530 Massachusetts Ave; DEP 85-13xx  
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**All documents can be found at:** <http://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/View/Collection-16302>