



Acton Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

May 3rd, 2023

7:15 PM

Virtual Meeting

Present: Terry Maitland (Chair), Jim Colman, Jillian Peters, Kate Warwick, Peter Hocknell, Amy Green

Absent: Zywia Chadzynska

Conservation Agent/Recording Secretary/Zoom Host: Mike Gendron

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

Regular Business

7:15 **Notice of Intent:** 9 Partridge Pond Road; DEP 85-1349

The applicant, Ryan Habbyshaw, was representing himself. Ryan showed his plan to remove the retaining wall in the back yard, extend his deck and add a patio to the side of the house. Ryan stated that no work would occur closer to the existing limit of work.

Peter Hocknell asked if there were concerns about erosion. Ryan explained that he plans to bring the slope to a 30% grade and use native plants for erosion protection.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the chairman closed the hearing.

Hearing closed at 7:26 pm.

Decision

Amy Green moved to issue a standard order of conditions.

Peter Hocknell seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous.

7:28 **Determination of Applicability:** 133 Prospect Street

Terry Maitland recused himself; Jim Colman took over the duties of the Chairman. Representing the applicant was Holly Ben Joseph. Holly showed the plan to renovate the existing playground; all work was proposed outside of the 75-foot setback and there will be no change in impervious surfaces.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the chairman closed the hearing.

Hearing closed at 7:36 pm.

Decision

Amy Green moved to issue a negative 3 determination



Kate Warwick seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous.

7:37 Amended Order of Conditions: 44 Robbins Street; DEP 85-1297

Terry Maitland returned and took back the duties of the Chairman. Representing herself was Ponah Gillespie. Ponah showed the original plan which included a house and deck addition. She explained that later in the process they decided to add a landscaping plan. The new plan included the landscaping including a new patio, trees, invasive control and addition of pollinator gardens.

Amy pointed out the proposed patio was closer to the wetlands than the existing structures; Ponah stated that the patio could be moved back a few feet to accommodate the bylaw.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the chairman closed the hearing.

Hearing closed at 7:56 pm.

Decision

Jim Colman moved to issue an amended order of conditions with the special condition that the new patio must be moved 15 inches away from the wetlands.

Amy Green seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous.

7:57 Notice of Intent: 75 Robbins Street; DEP 85-1345 (Continued)

Kate Warwick recused herself. Representing the applicant was Scott Hayes of Forsite Engineering. Since the previous hearing Scott add a small cultic chamber to capture 10-year stormwater from the roof. Additionally, stockpiling is shown on the plan and three additional tree plantings were added.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the chairman closed the hearing.

Hearing closed at 8:05 pm.

Decision

Amy Green moved to issue a standard Order of Conditions

Jim Colman seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous.

8:05 Notice of Intent: Main Street Sewer Connection; DEP 85-1348 (Continued)

Representing the applicant was Sam Campbell and Alexa Marquis. Alexa explained that since the last hearing the potential vernal pool had been delineated and was 154 feet away



from the proposed work. She then went on to show pictures of what the pump station would look like, including pictures of the fenced in area.

Jim Colman pointed out there was still no explanation of why they are accommodating a dog park that may or may not happen. Dean Charter, Select Board liaison for the Dog Park Committee explained where the Dog Park is at and the current coordination with other Town projects. Dean stated that he would be following up to find out why the Commission wasn't included in this coordination. Qin Rui, Town Engineer, also explained that this project has been designed in a way to accommodate all of the projects happening on Main Street.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the chairman closed the hearing.

Hearing closed at 8:35 pm.

Decision

Amy Green moved to issue a standard Order of Conditions

Jillian Peters seconded the motion and the roll call vote upheld the motion 5-1.

Jim Colman – No; Amy Green – Yes; Peter Hocknell – Yes; Jillian Peters – Yes; Kate Warwick – Yes; Terry Maitland – Yes

8:37 Notice of Intent: NARA Park Bridge Replacement; DEP 85-1343

Representing the Town of Acton was the Recreation Director, Melissa Settapani. Melissa explained that the current bridge is falling apart and is in need of replacement. The new bridge would be in the exact same footprint, but would use trex decking instead of pressure treated wood. The granite blocks holding the bridge up would be replaced with helical piles.

Amy Green asked if soil testing had been done? Melissa said she would ask the engineer. Peter Hocknell asked if the bridge would be closed during construction; Melissa said she would get back with an answer.

Hearing no further questions, the Chairman announced that the hearing would be continued to the virtual meeting on May 17th.

8:51 Notice of Intent: 14 Nash Road; DEP 85-1350

Representing the applicant was Aidan Schlotman of Stamski & McNary. Aidan explained that the proposed project was to rebuild the existing deck on the property. Aidan showed that there is both BVW buffer zone and riverfront area. The new deck will be no closer than the existing deck.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the chairman closed the hearing.



Hearing closed at 8:58 pm.

Decision

Amy Green moved to issue a standard Order of Conditions

Peter Hockenll seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 PM.

Documents and exhibits used at this meeting:

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Notice of Intent: Main Street Sewer Connection; DEP 85-1348

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All documents can be found at: <http://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/View/Collection-16665>