



Acton Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

August 16th, 2023

7:15 PM

Hybrid Meeting (Room 204 & Zoom)

Present: Terry Maitland (Chair), Jim Colman, Jillian Peters, Amy Green

Absent: Zywia Chadzynska, Peter Hocknell, Kate Warwick

Conservation Agent: Mike Gendron

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

Regular Business

7:15 **Notice of Intent:** 421 Arlington Street; DEP 85-1353

The applicant, Sheel Shah, was representing himself. Sheel explained that the proposed project was to replace the current deck, enlarging slightly. He showed that the closest point of non-conformance from the wetlands was 45 feet. To stay within this limit, Sheel stated that they made the proposed deck significantly smaller and would be no closer than that existing non-conformance.

Amy Green pointed out that this portion of the project is fairly straightforward, but when on the site walk it was observed that the applicant had been combating invasive *Pachysandra* but removing the plant and placing a black plastic tarp overtop in the wetland buffer zone. Amy did acknowledge that the work had ecological benefit but should be included in the permit.

After discussion, the Commission asked the applicant to come back to the next meeting and include an amendment for the invasive removal. The applicant agreed.

The Chairman announced that **the hearing would be continued to September 6th.**

7:28 **Request for OOC Extension:** 2 Kingman Road; DEP 85-1262

The applicant, Elizabeth Molina-Markham, was representing herself. Elizabeth explained that the original project was designed to combat a flooding that began occurring on their property in 2018. The Commission approved a proposal to create a swale along the driveway to re-direct the water from flooding the property.

Elizabeth stated that the portions of that have not been completed are the fence, the line of boulders, and a floating water fountain on the pond (which they no longer believe they are going to do).



Decision:

Jim moved to extend the OOC for a period of 3 years.
Amy seconded and the vote unanimously upheld the motion.

Consent Items

Minutes of June 21st as amended

Amy moved to approve, Jillian Seconded
Vote unanimously approved the motion

8:07 Meeting adjourned