



Acton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 7th, 2024
7:15 PM
Hybrid Meeting (Room 204 & Zoom)

Present: Terry Maitland (Chair), Jim Colman (Vice-Chair), Peter Hocknell, Amy Green
Absent: Jillian Peters, Zywia Chadzynska, Kate Warwick
Conservation Agent: Mike Gendron

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

Regular Business

7:15 Request for Determination of Applicability: Route 2 MassDOT

Representing MassDOT was Angela Schofield. Angela explained that the project was milling and resurfacing of nearly 6.3 miles of state roadway and a portion of this project is in Littleton and Boxborough. Decisions of applicability have been issued for the other two towns. Angela stated that there is only a small portion of the work proposed in the buffer zone.

Angela explained that the work is exempt under the Wetland Protections Act and MassDOT is asking for a negative 5 determination.

Hearing no further comments/questions the Chair closed the hearing.

Decision:

Amy Green moved to issue a negative 5 determination; Peter seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

7:31 Notice of Intent: 24 Heritage Road

Representing the applicant was Nathaniel Cataldo of Stamsky and McNary. Nathaniel explained the scope of the project to construct an addition within the buffer zone of a boarding vegetated wetland. The proposed work is 17 feet from the wetland and the existing structures are 16 feet from the wetland. Nathaniel also stated that there are proposed walkways in the front yard, also further from existing structures.

Jim Colman explained that he was on the site walk and he expressed his one concern that the steepness of the slope in the backyard; Nathaniel agreed that the erosion control would be reinforced at the bottom of the slope.

This Chair announced that the hearing would be continued to the February 21st hearing since no DEP number had been issued yet.



7:45 **Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation: 125 Nagog Park**

Representing the applicant was Joe Orzo of Lucas Environmental. Joe explained that a site walk was held on February 1st. There was one area where the Commission asked to be analyzed again; Joe explained that WF44 was moved 16 feet as a result. DEP had no comments on the project.

Hearing no further comments/questions the Chair closed the hearing.

Decision

Amy Green moved to issue a standard ORAD for all of the wetland resource areas and buffer zones delineated on the plan and shown on the property; Jim Colman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Consent Items

Minutes of January 3rd

Amy moved to approve, Peter seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of December 6th

Amy moved to approve, Peter seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.

Administrative & Enforcement Updates

Wetland Filing Fees

Mike Gendron updated the Commission on the Town Manager's budget presentation that included using \$25,000 from wetland filing fees to supplement professional salaries. Mike explained that prior to Town Meeting the Commission may be asked to comment on whether they support this or not.

Morrison Farm CR

Mike updated the Commission that the Select Board deferred the conversation surrounding the Conservation Restriction for Morrison Farm and directed town staff to do more public outreach prior to taking this to Town Meeting.

8:15 Meeting adjourned