



Acton Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

May 15th, 2024

7:15 PM

Hybrid Meeting (Room 204 & Zoom)

Present: Jim Colman (Vice-Chair), Peter Hocknell, Kate Warwick, Amy Green, Zyvia Chadzynska (virtual)

Absent: Terry Maitland (Chair), Jillian Peters

7:15 The acting Chair, Jim Colman, opened the meeting and read virtual meeting guidelines.

Regular Business

7:15 **Request for Determination of Applicability: 89 Newtown Road**

Representing the applicant was Jerry Buzanoski. Jerry and the applicant described the scope of the project to replace a failing septic system. Jerry explained that the new septic is proposed in the same location as the existing system, and there is no other area the septic could be placed.

Amy Green stated she had some concerns with the amount of work and grading so close to the wetland area, and the impact to the tree line that this would require. There was also no clear plan for access. Amy explained that this level of work should be filed as a Notice of Intent; other members of the Commission agreed.

Decision

Amy moved to issue a positive determination; Zyvia seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

7:37 The Chair stated that the hearing for 123 Quarry Road would be continued to June 5th at 7:30

7:38 The Chair stated that the hearing for 9 West Road would be continued to June 5th at 7:20

7:39 The Chair stated that the hearing for Main St at Hayward Road would be continued to June 5th at 7:25

7:40 The Chair stated that the hearing for 28 Nash Road would be continued to June 5th at 7:30

7:45 **Notice of Intent: 85 Taylor Road**

The applicant explained the scope of the project to expand a deck by 30 feet. Amy explained that a site walk was conducted and she observed that the wetland line seemed



inconsistent with what actually exists; she would like an explanation from the consultant. Amy also stated that the work proposed appeared to be within 75 feet of the wetland. The Commission asked for the applicant to come back with an updated plan that corrects the delineation and shows the work outside of the 75 foot setback.

8:15 Discussion: Tree Removal Process

The Commission had a discussion about the general process going forward on how to deal with tree removals and reviewed six specific proposals (8 Revolutionary Road, 2 Taylor Road, 12 Balsam Drive, 366 Arlington Street, 7 Lawsbrook Road, 24 Nash Road). Ultimately, the Commission approved the proposals for 2 Taylor Road and 12 Balsam Drive. The others would need to provide a letter from an independent certified arborist. The Commission plans to continue to develop an official policy for tree removal in the future.

8:54 Discussion: Beaver Emergency Permit; 180 Skyline Drive

The Commission discussed a proposal from Concord Water District to remove a beaver dam for water supply protection purposes. The Commission voted unanimously to issue the permit with no conditions.

9:05 Discussion: 78 Arlington Enforcement Order

Dean Kealer, the property owner, was present to discuss progress toward the enforcement order requiring a restoration plan. Dean mentioned that he has two proposals at the time to have the work done. The Commission agreed to grant additional time, acknowledging that some forward progress has been made and a proposal is imminent.

Consent Items

Request for COC, 85-1293- 47 Conant Street

Peter moved to issue with two special conditions held in perpetuity. Amy seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Request for COC, 28 Brucewood Rd

Amy moved to issue, Peter seconded; motion passed unanimously

Request for Partial COC, 2 Nashoba Rd

Amy moved to issue, Peter seconded; motion passed unanimously

9:21 Meeting adjourned