

**TOWN OF ACTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes
February 15, 2017
7:15 PM
TOWN HALL - 472 MAIN STREET
ROOM 204**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Terry Maitland, William Froberg, Amy Green, Jim Colman, Paula Goodwin, Tim McKinnon, Jennifer Stoltz

NATURAL RESOURCES DIRECTOR & RECORDING SECRETARY: Tom Tidman

VISITORS: James Courbon, Gustavo Lopes

7:15 Request for Determination of Applicability: 53 River Street

Applicant is the Natural Resources Department of the Town of Acton. The project is located at 53 River Street, town atlas plate H-3A, parcel 47 and entails the removal of approximately 60 cubic yards of fill currently stockpiled on the site. Work will occur within the buffer zone of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands.

Tom Tidman, Natural Resources Director, presented the project. The Town would like to remove a large pile of fill from the site. The fill is located near the existing dam, close to River Street. Mr. Maitland and Mr. Colman have visited the site.

Mr. Froberg asked if the Town had examined the fill for possible contamination. Mr. Tidman responded that the Town has done a Phase II Environmental Investigation prior the purchase of the property. Samples were taken in the area of the fill and no contamination was found.

Ms. Green pointed out that the proposed work was within Riverfront Area. Mr. Tidman explained that they would not be altering any Riverfront, only removing a pile of fill that was placed within Riverfront. The area will be loamed and seeded once the fill is removed. Silt prevention will be placed around the edge of work area.

Decision: Ms. Green moved to issue a negative 2 determination that is, the work described in the Request is within an area subject to protection under the Act, but will not remove, fill, dredge or alter that area. Therefore said work does not require a filing of a Notice of Intent. Mr. Colman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

7:30 Notice of Intent: 531 Great Road

Gustavo Lopes, applicant, for a project at 531 Great Road, (town atlas plate B-4, parcel 11. Work will consist of demolition of an existing 2- story dwelling and construction of a new, 2-story dwelling within the 100 foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

Jim Courbon, from Stamski & McNary, presented for the applicant. He noted that an NOI had been filed in 2015 for a sewer line to the existing dwelling. The plan now is to replace the existing house, which had fallen into disrepair, with a new one. The new house will be 12 to 15 feet closer to wetlands than the existing dwelling, but will still meet the 75 foot no-build setback. The proposed plan will have 180 square feet less impervious material than the existing site. Material generated during construction will be stockpiled outside the 100 foot buffer.

Decision: Mr. Colman moved to issue a standard Order of Conditions with one special condition as follows: Any stockpiling of materials created during construction will be placed outside the 100 foot wetlands buffer. Erosion control will be placed around the stockpile. Ms. Green seconded the motion and it was voted unanimously.

7:45 Election of Vice Chair of the Conservation Commission

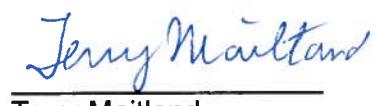
Decision: Mr. Maitland moved that Jim Colman be made Vice-Chair of the Conservation Commission, Ms. Green seconded motion and the Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

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January 18, 2017: reviewed by TM, TMc
Mr. McKinnon moved to approve the minutes of January 18, Mr. Froberg seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

February 1, 2017: TM, TMc, PG
Mr. Colman moved to approve the minutes of February 1, Ms. Stolz seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.



Terry Maitland
Chairperson

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