

**TOWN OF ACTON  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Minutes**  
**April 5, 2017**  
**7:15 PM**  
**TOWN HALL - 472 MAIN STREET**  
**ROOM 204**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Terry Maitland, , Amy Green, Jim Colman, , Tim McKinnon, Jennifer Stolz

**NATURAL RESOURCES DIRECTOR & RECORDING SECRETARY:** Tom Tidman

**7:15 Request for Determination: 151 Arlington Street**

Brian Schutsky for a project at 151 Arlington Street (town atlas plate E2, parcel 264-1). The Project is re-grading an existing yard. A portion of the work will occur within 100 feet of wetlands.

Brian Schutsky, the property owner, presented the project to the Commission. He explained that his front yard has several sink holes. He has spoken to a local contractor who believes that stumps may have been buried there when the lots were cleared years ago. The sink holes are worsening each year. He would like to have the holes excavated and then refilled with solid material to stabilize the area.

Mr. Colman described the shape of the lot and the sink holes to the Commission as he and Ms. Green had walked the site. Mr. Schutsky described the proposal from the contractor to the Commission: 1. Each sink hole would be excavated and all material would be loaded on a truck and removed from the site; there would be no stockpiling; 2. Suitable soil would be trucked in and the area will be loamed and seeded.

**Decision:**

Mr. Colman moved to issue a negative 3 determination, that is, work described in the Request is within the Buffer Zone, as defined in the regulations, but will not alter an Area subject to protection under the Act. Therefore, said work does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent. Ms. Stolz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**7:30 Notice of Intent: Central Street Culvert**

Town of Acton for a project to replace two existing 36 inch by 58 inch wide CMP culverts with two new, 38 inch wide by 58 inch wide CMP culverts. The work area includes a portion of Central Street and the culverts at Fort Pond Brook. Work will occur in the 100 foot buffer zone, Bordering Vegetated Wetland, Bordering Land Subject to Flooding and Riverfront Area.

Bill Hall from Stamski & McNary presented for the Town of Acton. The replacement culvert will be similar in dimension to the existing culvert. The road is very low at this point, which is not conducive to adding a large box culvert, which would allow wildlife passage through the culvert. Mr. Colman and Ms. Green had visited the project site on April 5 with Dan Carr from Stamski & McNary.

**Decision:**

Ms. Green moved to issue a standard Order of Conditions, waiving conditions 18 and 19 of the Town of Acton bylaw, with the following special condition:

- Work may not commence prior to June 15 and must be completed by Nov. 15.

Mr. McKinnon seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**7:45 Notice of Intent: Newtown Road Culvert**

Town of Acton for a project to replace the existing collapsing 40 inch high by 65 inch wide CMP culvert with a new 43 inch high by 64 inch wide CMP culvert. Conant Brook flows underneath Newtown Road. Work will occur in the 100 foot buffer zone, Bordering Vegetated Wetland, Bordering Land Subject to Flooding and Riverfront Area.

Bill Hall from Stamski & McNary presented the project for the Town of Acton Engineering Department. A similar dimension culvert is proposed for this site as for the Central Street site. The road is very low, close to the elevation of the brook, which does not permit the installation of a box culvert that would allow for wildlife passage.

Ms. Green pointed out that a filter silt bag will be needed at the discharge point of the dewatering pipe. Mr. Hall agreed to ensure the filter would be installed. Ms. Green and Mr. Colman had visited this site as well as the Central Street site.

**Decision:**

Mr. McKinnon moved to issue a standard Order of Conditions, with the following special conditions:

1. Work should not commence before June 15 without prior consent from the Conservation Agent and must be completed by November 15.
2. Sheet pilings must be fully removed upon completion.
3. A silt bag must be added at the point of discharge for dewatering.
4. Conditions 18 and 19 of the Town of Acton Wetlands Protection Bylaw are waived.

Ms. Green seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

**8:00 Request for Determination: 148 Great Road**

Acton-Concord Chabad. The project, located at 148 Great Road, town atlas plate F-4, parcel 35-1, is the construction of a 34 ft X 22 ft b addition and a 22 ft x10 ft deck. Work will occur within 100 feet of a bordering vegetated wetland. The site is located on the opposite side of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail right of way, currently under construction.

No representation for the applicant was in attendance so the meeting was continued to April 19 at 8:00 PM.

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Ms. Green moved to approve the minutes of March 15, Ms. Stolz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.



Terry Maitland  
Chairperson

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March 15, 2017: Reviewed by AG, PG

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