

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Minutes of June 13, 2018

Members present: Steve Parretti, Chair; John Marc Aurele, Jim cooper

Members not present: JoAnn Schold, Joshua Soojian

Meeting called to order at 6:30PM

Request for Determination

33 Lakeview Drive (tree removal)

Mr. Parretti read the notice into the record and opened discussion to the applicant.

Mr. George Lawton in attendance.

Requesting to remove dead and damaged trees within waterfront buffer overhanging the house.

Trees will be cut flush to the ground & not stumped.

Hearing no further comments or questions, Mr. Parretti asked for a motion.

MOTION: Mr. Marc Aurele moved to approve a Negative #3 Determination, "The 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, subject to the following conditions; 1) protect the pond from any sediment runoff.

SECONDED: Mr. Cooper – Discussion: None – VOTE: All in Favor

Notice of Intent

Waites Pond Dam Cont (general improvements & repair to dam)

Mr. Parretti spoke with the Shawn King, Project Engineer, who indicated not be ready to meet in June and agreed to continue to the July 11th meeting.

Notice of Intent

5 Felix Street Cont (demo home/rebuild)

Ms. Alissa Jackson in attendance.

The request is for demolishing existing home & building new single-family dwelling, dig & pour new foundation for a 2-bedroom/2-bath 1800sf ranch style home.

Mr. Marc Aurele visited the site and after inspection, determined wetlands be flagged and a

Registered Plot plan be prepared showing distances from the wetlands.

Ms. Jackson submitted the documents showing wetlands 83ft from the home.

Hearing no further comments or concerns, Mr. Parretti asked for a motion.

MOTION: Mr. Marc Aurele moved to approve the Notice of Intent for Alissa & Philip Jackson of 5 Felix Street, Leicester, MA to demolish existing home & build new single-family home with

the following conditions: 1) straw waddles placed right before the tree line, as shown on plan; and 2) notification to Commission before start of work for erosion control inspection
SECONDED: Mr. Cooper – Discussion: None – VOTE: All in Favor

Notice of Intent

77 Charles Street (replace septic system)

Mr. Parretti read the notice into the record and opened discussion to the applicant.

Mr. Jason Dubois, DC Engineering, representing the applicant, in attendance.

The request is to install a new septic system, replacing existing failed system, within the 100ft buffer zone of a Boarding Vegetated Wetland (BVW).

The plan is under review with the Board of Health and their approval is contingent upon Conservations' approval.

Hearing no further comments or concerns, Mr. Parretti asked for a motion.

MOTION: Mr. Marc Aurele moved to approve the Notice of Intent for Steve Farrell of 15b Burghardt Street, Worcester, MA to replace existing failed septic system and install new septic system on property located at 77 Charles Street, Leicester, MA with the following conditions: 1) Erosion control placed as shown on approved plan; and 2) notification to Conservation for erosion control inspection before start of work

SECONDED: Mr. Cooper – Discussion: None – VOTE: All in Favor

Approval of Minutes

5/16/2018

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Board Discussion:

1. 136 Charles Street (complaint)

The caller stated truckloads of dirt being dumped along the property waterfront and requested an inspection for possible violation.

The Police Chief asked the Commission to speak with the Police Department first before doing any inspections on the property.

2. 690 Stafford Street (project update)

Replication & restoration work to start soon and estimated completion end of fall.

3. Rawson Street Bridge project (silt concerns)

The Cedar Meadow Water District Management Committee stated concern with water clarity of the lake by the bridge construction site. Large areas with considerable silt in the water reported. Mr. Parretti agreed to contact the MassDOT project manager.

4. Staff changes/wetland agent

Barbara Knox, Department Assistant submitted her retirement and will retire at the end of July. Michelle Buck & David Genereux discussed an option to consider filling the position with a combined Wetland Agent/Department Assistant. They ask input from Conservation before proceeding with this option.

Mr. Parretti agreed to contact Ms. Buck for further review.

5. Miscellaneous Project updates/Site inspection updates

- Email memo regarding Ethics Commission and Special Municipal Employee designates'
- Building /Occupancy Permits issued in May 2018

Next Agenda 1st order - Reorganization

MOTION: Mr. Cooper moved to adjourn meeting

SECONDED: Mr. Marc Aurele – Discussion: None – VOTE: All in Favor

Meeting adjourned at 7:55PM

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Knox

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