

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Minutes of May 16, 2018

Members present: Steve Parretti, Chair; John Marc Aurele, Joshua Soojian, Jim Cooper

Not present: JoAnn Schold

Meeting called to order at 6:30PM

Certificate of Compliance

155 Rawson Street (DEP#197-437)

Letter attached with request, from Coyle Engineering, stating house, driveway, septic system, & associated work was completed in substantial compliance with the design plan dated March 3, 2006 and revised August 11, 2006.

With no further comment or questions, Mr. Parretti asked for a motion.

MOTION: Mr. Marc Aurele moved to approve the Certificate of Compliance for 155 Rawson Street, Leicester, MA

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

Certificate of Compliance

190 Main Street (DEP#197-492)

Letter attached with request from Daniel Tivnan of H.S. &T. Group, Inc. stating after visual inspection, the only work performed was the extension of the sewer main and a small landscaping bed was built in front of first building.

With no further comment or questions, Mr. Parretti asked for a motion.

MOTION: Mr. Marc Aurele moved to approve the Certificate of Compliance for 190 Main Street, Cherry Valley, MA

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

Request for Determination

401 Pine Street (deck and pool)

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

Mr. James Wasgett in attendance

The request is to square off existing deck on the right and extend it 8ft to the corner of the kitchen. At the corner of the kitchen, build a 17ft walkway along house to garage entry door, for access to deck.

On the left, extend deck 18ft just before wellhead, then angle deck to join pool. Stairs and bushes along the left side of deck and along pool will be removed. It's 54ft from the west corner to the wetlands.

Silt fence and hay bales will be installed between work area and brook.

With no further comment or questions, Mr. Parretti asked for a motion.

MOTION: Mr. Marc Aurele moved to recommend 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) Erosion control installed according to plan; 2) notification to Conservation Commission 24 hours after installation and before start of work for an erosion control inspection.

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

Request for Determination

156 White Birch Street (above ground pool)

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

Mr. Steve Dion in attendance.

The request is to install an 18ft above ground pool within the 50ft buffer, approximately 25ft away from wetlands.

With no further comment or questions, Mr. Parretti asked for a motion.

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

Request for Determination

155 Rawson Street (replace leach field)

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

Mr. Thomas Moughon in attendance.

The request is to allow replacement of leach field & D-Box. The tank is staying.

Before the Board of Health & will approve upon Conservation approval.

Existing finish grade will be maintained upon completion of work. Existing septic tank to be retained.

With no further comment or questions, Mr. Parretti asked for a motion.

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

Request for Determination

Sylvester Street (clean stream culvert)

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

Mr. Jonathan Gervais, City of Worcester DPW in attendance

The request is to allow the DPW to maintain a stream culvert crossing Sylvester Street that became block with debris, causing the flow to overtop the streambed into Sylvester Street. This resulted in the re-directed streamflow causing significant erosion and deposition of material into subject parcel.

The work includes removal of gravel and sediment from 1200sf of maintained grassland south of Sylvester Street and East of Lynde Brook. The site will be seeded for stabilization purposes.

With no further comment or questions, Mr. Parretti asked for a motion.

MOTION: Mr. Marc Aurele moved to recommend 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) erosion control be installed protecting sediment from entering wetlands; 2) work done by hand, no machinery use.

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

Notice of Intent

220 Baldwin Street CONT (single family home)

Brian MacEwen, Graz Engineering, representing the applicant, in attendance

DEP number issued with no comments.

The request is to construct a new single family dwelling with attached garage and associated septic system, well, driveway and site grading which are located in the Buffer Zone to a BVW. This lot is adjacent to 222 Baldwin Street and sits easterly on Baldwin Street, on the north side. They are within the 100ft buffer on the backside of the road that continues onto the south side. The development grading will be outside the 25ft No Disturb area; 40,000sf of disturbance, 4000sf of impervious with the house and driveway, and 14,000sf of buffer zone work.

With no further discussion, Mr. Parretti asked for a motion

MOTION: Mr. Marc Aurele moved to approve the NOI to Matt Schold, Central Land Development Corp for property located at 220 Baldwin Street to build a single family home & associated work as shown on the approved plan, with the following conditions: 1) erosion control placed as shown on approved plan; 2) notification to the Conservation Commission prior to the start of work for an erosion control inspection

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

Notice of Intent

218 Baldwin Street CONT (single family home)

Brian MacEwen, Graz Engineering, representing the applicant, in attendance

DEP number issued with no comments.

The request is to construct a new single family dwelling with attached garage and associated septic system, well, driveway and site grading which are located in the Buffer Zone to a BVW. The wetlands come down through the southwesterly corner of the property at Baldwin Street. There is just enough to get a 10ft wide driveway, short retaining wall up against the wetland line and allows for a 10ft buffer to left at the property line between 220 & 218 Baldwin Street. They are requesting waivers for work within the 25ft No Disturb area, approximately 1730sf of work. A retaining wall also installed to minimize impact, with a wetland crossing. With no further discussion, Mr. Parretti asked for a motion.

MOTION: Mr. Soojian moved to approve the NOI to Matt Schold, Central Land Development for property located at 218 Baldwin Street to build a single family home & associated work as shown on the approved plan, with the following conditions: 1) erosion control placed as shown on approved plan; 2) notification to the Conservation Commission prior to the start of work for an erosion control inspection

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

Request of Intent

5 Felix Street (demo/rebuild single family home)

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

Mrs. Alissa Jackson in attendance.

DEP number issued with no comments.

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.

The Commissioners asked for the wetlands to be flagged; show wetlands on a registered plot plan; and show distance from the dwelling to the wetlands on the plot plan.

With no further discussion, hearing continued to June 13, 2018

Notice of Intent

Waite Pond Dam CONT

Request received from the Engineering Firm for another continuance to June 13, 2018.

They are still working on stability analyses & footing design in response to MADCR comments, and clarifying DEP's comments with Fisheries.

Mr. Parretti asked to have the Engineering Firm contact him.

Amend Order of Conditions

555 Pine Street (septic/site grading)

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

Brian MacEwen, Graz Engineering, representing applicant, in attendance

Original request is for construction of a new single family dwelling with attached garage, septic, well, driveway & site grading, as well as, construct lake front access just above high water line.

The amendment requests' to move the primary septic over to the reserved area to allow grading for access behind house. There is a slight driveway change to accommodate grading for septic. Swapping board ramp and beach area. Back area of house facing lake, has the biggest change with grading/creating walkout with patio and deck over patio. Tapper grade on lakeside, down to grade at lakeside edge from walkout basement.

Not proposing any wetland fill, but some work is within 25ft No Disturb.

The beach is slightly relocated and flip-flopped gravel access way for boat access.

Removal of surface boulders at lakefront during drawdown.

House is in same location as previous plan.

With no further discussion, Mr. Parretti asked for a motion.

MOTION: Mr. Marc Aurele moved to approve the Amendment to Order of Conditions DEP#197-0615, at 555 Pine Street, Leicester, MA as shown on revised plan for property dated 5/2/2018, with the following conditions: 1) Beach be no more than 25ft in width along waterfront; 2) boulders replacing natural barrier; 3) placing erosion control all along slope & new grading areas; 4) AS BUILT Plans required for COC; and original conditions to this Order remain in effect

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

Approval of Minutes

3/14/18

MOTION: Mr. Marc Aurele moved to approve the minutes of March 14, 2018

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

4/18/2018

MOTION: Mr. Marc Aurele moved to approve the minutes of April 18, 2018

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

Board Discussion:

1. 20/22 lake Drive (tree removal inspection)
There was one tree within the 25ft that will be removed.
2. 298 Clark Street (progress report)
Pipe installed and culvert cleared. Runoff pumped to garage drain on 298 Clark Street property. Water runoff no longer affecting neighbor's property
3. 256 Rawson Street (Replication Bond)
Bond submitted, owner getting ready to start work & requested inspection
4. Miscellaneous Project Updates/Site Inspection Updates
 - 1) Road paving schedule for 2918
 - 2) Notification form CSX regarding yearly operation of maintenance on railroad ROW
 - 3) Building/Occupancy Permits issues for April 2018

- 4) National Grid notification regarding summer foliage treatment on ROW
- 5) Notice of foreclosure of 100 Tobin Road, Leicester from Law Offices of Brams, Young & Levison

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

MOTION: Mr. Soojian moved to adjourn meeting

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50PM

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Knox

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