

**Town of Leicester Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephan Parretti, Chair, James Cooper, John Marc-Aurele, Dawn Marttila, JoAnn Schold

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Michelle Buck, Town Planner and Maureen Schur, Department Assistant

MEETING TIME: 6:30 PM

AGENDA:

1. **Certificate of Compliance-None**
2. **Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA)-None**
3. **Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD)**
70 Winslow St. Applicant Town of Leicester (DEP# Pending)
4. **Notice of Intent (NOI)**
 - a) Cedar Meadow Lake Watershed District, off 142 Charles St., lake drawdown and dam maintenance (DEP# 197-0653)
5. **Board Discussion/Miscellaneous**
 - a) 184 River Street (tree cutting near pond)
 - b) 92 Rawson Street (potential work in wetland buffer)
 - c) 93 Huntoon/KM Kelly status update (DEP#197-0599)
 - d) Miscellaneous Project Updates/Site Inspection Updates
 - e) 195 Rawson Street Agricultural Exemption
 - f) Ratification of Emergency Certification for Worcester Airport (beaver removal, breach of dam and installation of water flow device)
 - g) Correspondence/Other New Business

Mr. Paretti called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

70 Winslow Ave Leicester Middle School, (DEP# Pending)

Ms. Sandra Brock, Nitsch Engineering, gave a brief overview of the delineation of the wetlands. She explained some of the wetlands fall under the state and some fall under the local bylaws. All the wetlands have been flagged. Ms. Brock pointed out the location of the existing school and the proposed school. She also identified different wetlands and the no disturb zone. She explained there was no vernal pool on the property, no flood plain and no endangered species. She also reminded the Commission and the public the purpose of the ANRAD was simply to delineate the wetlands not to answer questions regarding the construction of the project. There were several questions regarding hydrology and again Ms. Brock stated that would be something discussed at the building stage not at this point in the project.

MOTION: Mr. Marc-Aurele moved to approve the ANRAD

SECOND: Mr. Cooper

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: All in favor

211 Baldwin Street, James & Jennifer Mercier (DEP# 197-0656)

Mr. Krevosky, EBT Environmental Consultants, presented Mr. Mercier and an overview of the proposed tree cutting. Mr. Mercier owns the former Camp Neyati which he purchased 3 years ago. There are several trees Mr. Mercier would like to remove at the waterfront. The trees have been flagged. Mr.

Mercier received DEP number and there were no comments. Once the trees are cut, they will not be stumped at this time. There are several members of the Commission that will go out and do a site walk on Saturday November 16, 2019. This hearing is continued to the next meeting.

565 Pine Street, Matt Schold, Schold Development LLC (DEP# 197-0655)

Ms. Schold stepped down from the hearing. Mr. Brian MacEwen, Graz Engineering, presented the proposed project to build a single-family home with attached garage and associated septic system, well and driveway with site grading, which are located in the Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetative Wetlands (BVW). Mr. MacEwen explained the wetlands had been delineated by EcoTec. There is a proposed walk-out basement with a small beach area; he would be stabilizing the grading in order to develop the beach sandy area. The total amount of clearing would be 100 feet within the 25 foot no disturb zone. The proposed boat launch area has already been cleared by a previous owner. Mr. MacEwen explained, in response to a Commission member's question regarding the drain, the soil has a lot of rock and boulders and that the drain will be a gravity flow drain and at the end of the pipe most of the water will simply dissipate.

MOTION: Mr. Marc-Aurele moved to approve the NOI with standard conditions and the applicant to call the office to notify when erosion controls are in place.

SECOND: Mr. Cooper

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 4 in favor, 1 recused (Ms. Schold)

53 Fairview Drive, Scott Santley (DEP# 197-0654)

Mr. Santley explained to the Commission his septic system has failed and he needs to install a new one. He has applied to the Board of Health (BOH) for approval of the new plan. The Commission reviewed the plan. The owner would like to begin the work as soon as possible.

MOTION: Mr. Marc-Aurele moved to approve the NOI with standard conditions, and noted that the applicant needs to notify the office when the erosion controls are in place and with the approval of the Board of Health.

SECOND: Mr. Cooper

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: All in favor

184 River Street

Homeowner Chad Arcouette attended the meeting at the Commission's request to discuss the tree clearing on his property. He stated he was unaware he needed permission to cut down trees on his property. He told the Commission members the stumps hadn't been removed and all the logs are still laying where he dropped the trees. The Commission agreed to do a site walk of the property on Saturday November 16, 2019 and will direct Mr. Arcouette as to what to do next. The site visit will be posted as a meeting.

92 Rawson Street (potential work in wetland buffer)

Site walk was done, and property is all set.

93 Huntoon/KM Kelly status update (DEP#197-0599)

Ms. Buck stated she had spoken with the applicant and we are waiting to receive an engineer's report on the wetland replication (it was apparently completed in October).

195 Rawson St. Agricultural Exemption

A representative of DCR, Chris Capone, sent an email stating his office has no jurisdiction over this property as it is classified 61A.

445 Pine Street Wetland Replication

Two members of the Commission did a site walk of the riverfront buffer zone. The Commission asked that the applicant be emailed a copy of the specific invasive plants identified for removed and the list of seedlings that need to be planted (from the approved plans).

Correspondence/Other New Business

The next meeting will take place Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 6:30pm.

MOTION: Ms. Schold moved to adjourn meeting

SECOND: Mr. Cooper

VOTE: All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Schur, Department Assistant

Documents included in meeting packet:

- Agenda
- ANRAD Leicester Middle School 70 Winslow Ave
- NOI 211 Baldwin St.
- NOI 565 Pine St.
- NOI 53 Fairview Dr.
- Email from Steven Tyler regarding 184 River St. and associated photos
- Emergency Certification Form Leicester Airport
- Email from Chris Capone regarding 195 Rawson St.

Documents submitted at meeting:

- N/A