

Acton Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2020

3:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Present: Terry Maitland, Amy Green, Jim Colman, Suzanne Flint, Carolyn Kiely, Zywia Chadzynska

Absent: Tim McKinnon

Natural Resources Director and recording secretary: Tom Tidman

Regular Business

Request for Determination: 6 Anthem Way, originally scheduled for August 5, was rescheduled for August 19

3:15 Terry read remote meeting guidelines.

3:17 Notice of Intent: continuation of 75 Spruce Street and Elm, Twin School Project; DEP No. 85-1286

Scott Morrison, with EcoTec, Inc., began the presentation, noting that Emily Grandstaff-Rice with Arrowstreet, Chuck Adam with Skanska and engineer Steven Ventresca with Nitsch Engineering were also present to answer Commission questions. Scott noted that he had delivered revised plans and a written document answering Commission questions and observations from the hearing on July 22. He also noted that he had received comments from the GCG peer review and his response to the peer review questions would be forwarded to the Commission soon. He is waiting to hear back from GCG on EcoTec's responses to their peer review, specifically regarding stormwater.

Scott continued with discussing the well installation protocol noting that the total time to install the wells would be over a period of 3 to 4 months, in stages that would allow for dewatering to be done in smaller sections. Commission discussed discharge during drilling, noting that an LSP will be on-site during drilling and responsible for water quality. All contaminated soil found to contain elevated levels of As (arsenic) will be trucked off site and properly disposed.

The stream crossing for the new boardwalk connecting the Douglas School parking lot will be constructed to meet Massachusetts Stream Crossing standards. The commission asked for more details on how the bridge crossing would be constructed and Emily Grandstaff-Rice provided the information that it would be stick built.

Scott requested a continuation noting he was still waiting for GCG to respond to his questions regarding their peer review.

The Hearing was continued to 4:00 PM, August 19th.

3:30 Request for Determination: 20 Cherokee Road

USA Bank Trust, c/o Hudson Homes Management, LLC for a project at 20 Cherokee Drive (*town atlas plate D2, parcel 101*). The project is the replacement of a failed septic system. Work will occur within 100 feet of wetlands.

Ted Doucette, of Doucette Engineering, presented for the applicant. A new leaching field will be installed in the front yard, outside of the 100' wetlands buffer. The pump chamber and septic tank will be located in the 100' buffer. The old failed system is located within the 100' wetlands buffer. Plans are to install a Presby System. The existing house has 4 bedrooms. Work associated with the installation of the septic tank and pump chamber will occur on the existing lawn area behind the house, and will not require the use of silt prevention measures. This system has been approved by the Board of Health.

Decision: Jim moved to issue a Negative 3 Determination, meaning 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. He included two special conditions: (1) Erosion control materials shall be available onsite, should they be required, and (2) Any stockpiled materials generated during the septic tank installation shall be located outside the 100' buffer.

Amy seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous.

3:55 Notice of Intent: 9 School Street

John Perkins for a project on 9 School Street, (*town atlas plate H2, parcel A-28*). The proposed work is the construction of three two-family dwellings and associated parking. Two of the proposed dwellings will fall within the 200 foot Riverfront Area of Fort Pond Brook.

Presenting for the applicant was Molly Obendorf with Stamski & McNary, Inc. This is a redevelopment project in the outer 200' riverfront area, with the construction of three (3) two-family dwellings. No work is proposed within the 100' wetlands buffer. The site currently has little vegetation and is primarily gravel and subsoil, with no stormwater management. Stormwater runoff will be mitigated with the use of roof drywells; all driveway runoff will be directed into a deep sump hooded catch basin and then into an infiltration trench. Stormwater mitigation complies with Mass stormwater standards

Amy asked what effect dumping snow on the infiltration trench will have on its long term effectiveness. Is there a long term management plan for the infiltration trench? Jim noted that the commission may condition the project restricting the use of salt on the driveway. Zywia asked what stormwater measures would be put in place during construction? Molly explained that there will be a temporary sediment basin constructed on the parking lot side of where the infiltration basin will be constructed. The Commission discussed the need for guardrails in front of the infiltration trench to prevent snow from being stockpiled there.

The Commission noted that a DEP file number had not yet been assigned. On that basis, the applicant's representative asked that the hearing be continued. Several commissioners stated that they would like to visit the site prior to the continuation, and Tom said he would arrange a site walk.

Mr. Maitland stated that the hearing would be continued to August 19th at **3:10 PM**.

Special Business: Electronic Signatures

Fran reported that the Certificate of Vote and the proposed move to electronic signatures and voting privileges assigned to the Director of Natural Resources for registered documents had been sent to Town Counsel for approval and registration. She is awaiting a response.

Certificate of Compliance: 85-1246, 39 Hosmer Street

Jim moved to issue a Certificate of Compliance, Carolyn seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous.

Minutes:

7/6/2020: Reviewed by AG, CK, ZC

Carolyn moved to approve the minutes; Zywia seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous.

7/15/2020: TM, AG, CK, ZC, TMc

Carolyn moved to approve the minutes; Zywia seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous.

*At 4:35PM., it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.
The motion was approved unanimously.*

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting

- Request for Determination, WPA Form 1 for 20 Cherokee Road
- Notice of Intent, WPA Form 3 for 9 School Street
- Request for Certificate of Compliance, WPA form 8A for 39 Hosmer Street

These documents may be found here: <http://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/View/Collection-11849>

Terrance Maitland, Chair