

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
JUNE 18, 2008
AMENDED AGENDA**

7:15 Maynard Waste Water Treatment Facility Upgrade Project - Matthew Taylor

7:30 Continuation - NOI - 44 Great Road (010)

See additional information provided by the applicant: (email and photos dated June 12).

7:40 Continuation - NOI - RQR - Continued to 8/6/08 at 7:40 PM

Red-line Change or Request to Amend - Grassy Pond Place (011)

Certificates of Compliance

- 101 Strawberry Hill Road - 85-407 1/5/1994 (020)
- Lot 59 – 110 Canterbury Hill Road - Robbins Mill Estates - Bylaw File # 75-278 (021)
- Lot 64 – 19 Canterbury Hill Road - Robbins Mill Estates - Bylaw File # 75-274 (022)
- Lot 3a Centennial Lane - 85-964

Emergency Certification - Mass Highway (030)

Community Preservation Committee Appointment - Janet Adachi

Conservation Restriction - Avalon Bay

Land Lease - Nagog Hill Conservation Land – Hybrid Farm

Review of Wetland Impacts - Caron Environmental - 70 Newtown Road (040)

Minutes

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Terry Maitland, Janet Adachi, William Froberg, Fran Portante, Linda Serafini

CONSERVATION ADMINISTRATOR: Tom Tidman

RECORDING SECRETARY: Andrea Ristine

VISITORS: Dana Leggett, Monica Weil, Patricia Moore, Mark Donohoe

7:15 Maynard Waste Water Treatment Facility Upgrade Project

Dana Leggett from Weston & Sampson presented preliminary plans for the proposed upgrade to the Maynard Waste Water Treatment Facility. The Maynard and Acton town line bisects the existing treatment plant; Weston & Sampson wishes to file a single Notice of Intent with only one town for the proposed project and receive one OOC.

Mr. Tidman noted that proposed work in Acton is greater than 100' from wetlands and this part of the Assabet River is an impoundment therefore would be exempt from the Rivers Protection Act. The discharge from the upgraded facility will be drinking-water quality.

Mr. Leggett reported that the discharge will be cleaner in quality than at present after the upgrades.
Discussion.

Mr. Maitland stated that the Acton Conservation Commission agreed that Maynard could be the primary contact for the proposed NOI filing since activities will be outside Acton's jurisdictional area, but the Commission would like to be kept abreast of the project as it proceeds.

7:30 Continuation - NOI - 44 Great Road (010)

Monica Weil reviewed the project as presented on May 21st and provided additional information including pictures as requested by the Commission. She noted that most of the proposed work is within 200' riparian zone. Ms. Weil also reported that she did research the existing drainage on the site; the eastern catchbasin on the property does not have a documented outlet or discharge point. Mass Highway grading done in the past along Great Road is causing the current ponding of stormwater in front of the Mobil station. It is her educated guess that the catchbasin is infiltrating somewhere but not into the surrounding wetland area.

Ms. Adachi expressed concern about surface stormwater runoff potentially containing petroleum products that is not being properly treated.

Ms. Weil stated that Mobil Oil currently does not have plans to verify where the system flows to and there are no plans to change the current drainage system. Mass Highway's existing plans for this length of Great Road has been reviewed and shows no connection to the on-site drainage system. The western catchbasin is connected to a leaching system.

Ms. Adachi expressed concern about the Commission's relying upon speculation regarding the existing drainage system since the site is a gas station and not a residence; stormwater management regulations require more than what is being offered in this filing. Ms. Adachi stated that she is not comfortable making a decision without knowing the status of the existing drainage system, knowing the age and standards that it may have been built under.

Mr. Maitland noted that the concern is a matter of curiosity but is not a sufficient reason to compel exploratory disturbances on the site.

Upon query by Mr. Tidman, Ms. Weil reported that she had also checked with the Acton Engineering Department and did not find any design plans on file for this site.

Mr. Maitland reported that the site is also under a DEP Order for the previous contamination and monitoring.

Patricia Moore, abutter from Pillar House Condominiums suggested possibly that the Town of Concord may have some information since the utilities are fed through Concord along this portion of Great Road.

Upon query by Ms. Moore, Ms. Weil reported that Pillar House has an easement for its sewage disposal system's leaching field located on Mobil's property. The monitoring equipment for the gas dispensers and tanks are currently in place and functioning properly.

Discussion.

Mr. Tidman noted that DEP stated that it is not clear to DEP that stormwater standards apply in this NOI filing.

Upon agreement by the Ms. Weil, Mr. Maitland continued the hearing until July 16 at 7:15 PM.

7:40 Continuation - NOI - RQR – Upon the request of the Applicant, Mr. Maitland continued the hearing until August 6, 2008 at 7:40 PM.

8:05 Red-line Change or Request to Amend - Grassy Pond Place (011)

Mark Donohoe from Acton Survey & Engineering presented amended plans for changing the original approved design for the wetland crossing to modular concrete blocks rather than poured concrete. This design change is preferred because the proposed catchbasins and manholes are too close together for a residential driveway and cannot be constructed the way originally designed and approved; the new design will provide one double-grate catchbasin with three 12" pipes with modular blocks. Mr. Donohoe reported that he has communicated with the Engineering Department on a preliminary basis and he will have to go to the Planning Board again for approval of the proposed change.

Upon query by Mr. Tidman, Mr. Donohoe stated that the Engineering Department could require that one box culvert be installed.

The Commission agreed that the proposed design change would be acceptable as a red-line change pending approval from the Acton Engineering Department. The Commission will require that the final plan approved by Planning and Engineering be submitted to the Commission for approval as a red-line change.

Certificates of Compliance

- 101 Strawberry Hill Road - 85-407 1/5/1994

Mr. Tidman reported that this site was a subdivided lot from the old Bowen Estate; the house has been finished for many years and is in compliance. Mr. Froberg moved that the Commission issue a Certificate as recommended by Mr. Tidman; Ms. Portante 2nd, the motion passed unanimously.

- Lot 59 - 110 Canterbury Hill Road - Robbins Mill Estates - Bylaw File # 75-278

Mr. Tidman reported that house and site work are complete; the house is occupied. Ms. Portante moved that the Commission issue a Certificate as recommended by Mr. Tidman; Ms. Serafini 2nd, the motion passed unanimously.

- Lot 64 – 19 Canterbury Hill Road - Robbins Mill Estates - Bylaw File # 75-274

Mr. Tidman reported that house and site work are complete; the house is occupied. Ms. Serafini moved that the Commission issue a Certificate as recommended by Mr. Tidman; Mr. Froberg 2nd, the motion passed unanimously.

- Lot 3a Centennial Lane - 85-964

Mr. Tidman reported that house and site work are complete. Ms. Adachi moved that the Commission issue a Certificate as recommended by Mr. Tidman; Mr. Froberg 2nd, the motion passed unanimously.

Emergency Certification - Mass Highway

Mr. Tidman reported that the culvert for Inch Brook at Route 111 just before the Water District Property (693 Mass. Ave.) was collapsing under the roadway. Beaver activity has also affected this culvert. Mass Highway had to repair the culvert as soon as possible; an Emergency Certificate was issued for repair work that started on June 5th and completed June 6th. Mass Highway will have to file with the Commission after the fact

Community Preservation Committee (CPC) Appointment - Janet Adachi

Ms. Serafini moved that the Commission appoint Janet Adachi as the Conservation Commission's representative to the CPC. Ms. Portante 2nd; the motion passed unanimously.

Conservation Restriction - Avalon Bay

Mr. Tidman reported that the conservation restriction (CR) has been reviewed by Town Counsel and he will distribute to the Commission once he is sure all parties are in agreement with the wording.

Nagog Hill Conservation Land – License Agreement - Hybrid Farm

Mr. Tidman reported that there is an old license agreement between the Town and Hybrid Farm executed at the time of purchase of the Nagog Hill Conservation Land in the early 80's that has expired; Mr. Tidman is currently conferring with Town Counsel and will report back to the Commission.

Review of Wetland Impacts - Caron Environmental - 70 Newtown Road

The Commission discussed the next step of the process in resolving and re-filing for activities involving the violation issue on this site.

9:05 Meeting adjourned.


Terrence Maitland
Chair

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