



Acton Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

December 7th, 2022

7:15 PM

Virtual Meeting

Present: Terry Maitland (Chair), Jim Colman, Amy Green, Zywia Chadzynska, Jillian Peters, Kate Warwick, Peter Hocknell

Conservation Agent/Recording Secretary/Zoom Host: Mike Gendron

7:15 The Chairman, Terry Maitland, opened the meeting and read virtual meeting guidelines.

Regular Business

7:15 The Chairman announced that the hearing for 12 Spring Hill Road would be continued on the applicants request to the **virtual December 21st meeting at 7:25 PM**

7:15 **Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation:** 123 Quarry Road; DEP 85-1333 (continued)

Representing the applicant was Aidan Schlotman of Stamski & McNary Inc. Aidan explained that since the last hearing, an analysis was conducted on the isolated wetlands that resulted in the determination that the isolated wetland was not a vernal pool or an isolated wetland subject to flooding. Additionally, Aidan explained that the stream along the back of the property has been determined to be a perennial stream, however it is not yet reflected on the most up to date version of the plan. Finally, Aidan stated that during the last hearing, it was questioned why the brook on the plan appeared to not match up with the wetland line; he explained that this was left over from an old survey plan. Jim Colman requested that this line be removed or clearly labeled on the plan.

Hearing no further comments/questions the Chairman announced that hearing would be continued **to December 21st at 7:15 PM and would be held virtually.**

7:24 **Request for Determination:** 188 Newtown Road

Representing the applicant was Matt Marro of MSMEC. The proposed project was for the replacement of the septic system. Matt stated that the septic system was to be abandoned and left in place. Additionally, Matt explained that the system was proposed outside of the buffer zone, however the tank, piping and some tree removal was proposed inside the buffer zone; stock piling would also be outside of the buffer zone. Matt mentioned that the project has already been approved by the Board of Health.

Hearing no further comments/questions the Chairman closed the hearing.

Hearing closed 7:35



Decision

Amy moved to issue a negative 3 determination with the special condition that all stockpiling be outside the 100-foot buffer zone.

Jillian seconded the motion and the roll call was unanimous

Peter Hocknell – **Aye**; Amy Green – **Aye**; Zywia Chadzynska – **Aye**; Kate Warwick – **Aye**; Jim Colman – **Aye**; Jillian Peters – **Aye**; Terry Maitland – **Aye**

7:36 Notice of Intent: 960 Main Street; DEP 85-1338

Representing the applicant was Chuck Caron of Caron Environmental, Jim Cray of Weigh-Pierce and Chris Allen of the Acton Water District. The proposed project was to install two temporary trailers and utility connections for PFAS treatment at the Acton Water Treatment Plant.

Chuck explained that some vegetation would be trimmed however nothing would need to be removed for the project. There would also need to be some grading and a stone headwall installed.

Chuck stated that the closest point to the project is 40 feet to the wetlands; the alternate locations are not feasible because they interfere with the turtle nesting area, they are in the flood zone and those zone needs to be left open so trucks can access the building. Finally, Chuck mentioned that there is a natural berm along the wetlands that act as an erosion control and prevents runoff from getting to the wetland.

Amy Green pointed out that the 50 foot line and 75 foot line were not shown on the plan; after a lengthy conversation, it was determined that the commission would add it as a condition.

Hearing no further comments/questions the Chairman closed the hearing.

Hearing Closed at 8:01 PM

Decision

Jim moved to issue a standard order of conditions, striking bylaw conditions 18 and 19, with the special condition that a revised plan shall be submitted within 7 days of issuance of the Order of Conditions, showing the 50-foot setback, 75-foot setback and the turtle nesting area.

Kate seconded the motion and the roll call was unanimous

Peter Hocknell – **Aye**; Amy Green – **Aye**; Zywia Chadzynska – **Aye**; Kate Warwick – **Aye**; Jim Colman – **Aye**; Jillian Peters – **Aye**; Terry Maitland – **Aye**



8:03 Request for Determination: Great Road

Representing the applicant was Alyssa Jacobs, Stephen Simoglow and Kylie Abouzeild of MA DOT. The proposed project was for sidewalk additions/improvements along Great Road. Alyssa showed the two areas along great road where construction would be conducted. All work was proposed inside of the 200 foot river front area. Erosion controls would be placed along guard rails and no trees would be taken down. The work would be started in Spring 2023.

Hearing no further comments/questions the Chairman closed the hearing.

Hearing closed at 8:15 PM

Decision

Amy moved to issue a negative 3 determination.

Zywia seconded the motion and the roll call was unanimous.

Peter Hocknell – **Aye**; Amy Green – **Aye**; Zywia Chadzynska – **Aye**; Kate Warwick – **Aye**; Jim Colman – **Aye**; Jillian Peters – **Aye**; Terry Maitland - **Aye**

Consent Items

Certificate of Compliance, 66 Robbins Street DEP 85-1252

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

Certificate of Compliance, 66 Maple Street DEP 85-1252

Mike explained that during the inspection it was observed that the boulders were put in place further from the wetland than they needed to be, however they were greater than 10 feet apart. Jim stated the he believed this needed to be resolved before issuing a COC; the commission agreed.

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Peter moved to approve the minutes of November 16th, Kate seconded and the roll call was unanimous.

Administrative Updates

8:47 Discussion: OSRP

Mike introduced the four proposed (draft) goals that the working group established based on feedback from the public survey and forum. There was a brief discussion about these goals. The commission agreed that Terry would act as the liaison for the OSRP working group. It was determined that the discussion would continue at the next meeting.



8:55 Discussion: Sheds in the 75-foot Setback

Jim Colman explained that the guidance for structures give specific size exemptions (although they still need to come before the commission) for certain structures. He stated that something similar could be added to the guidance for sheds. After some discussion on potential changes to the guidance, Jim agreed to write up a draft for the next meeting.

9:02 Discussion: Kelly Corner Invasive Management Plan

There was a brief discussion on the Invasive Management Plan for Kelly's Corner that was submitted by DOT. Mike stated that he would get clarification on the questions that came up including reporting procedures, confirmation of the treated locations and if there is a precedent for burying the knotweed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM.

Documents and exhibits used at this meeting:

ANRAD Filing for 123 Quarry Road; DEP 85-1333
RDA Filing for 188 Newtown Road
RDA Filing for Great Road
NOI Filing for 960 Main Street; DEP 85-1338
COC Request for 66 Robbins Street DEP 85-1252
COC Request for 66 Maple Street DEP 85-1252
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All documents can be found at: <http://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/View/Collection-16105>