

**TOWN OF ACTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes
November 15, 2017
7:15 PM
TOWN HALL - 472 MAIN STREET
ROOM 204**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Terry Maitland, Amy Green, Jim Colman, Tim McKinnon, Jennifer Stolz, Paula Goodwin

NATURAL RESOURCES DIRECTOR & RECORDING SECRETARY: Tom Tidman

VISITORS: Joe Horowitz, Nancy Horowitz, Pat Hearn, Janet Adachi, Kirk Fitzpatrick

7:15 Request for Determination of Applicability: 5 Fernwood Road

Joseph Horowitz for a project at 5 Fernwood Road, (town atlas plate G3, parcel 195). Area consists of a single family home with established lawn areas and light woods. Proposed work is to replace a failed septic system. All work will be performed within 100 feet of wetlands, in previously disturbed areas.

Kirk Fitzpatrick of Civil Solutions presented the project for the applicant, Joseph Horowitz. The existing septic system failed "title 5" inspection. The water table is only two feet below the surface. A new Presby System will be installed, with a pump chamber. A Jet Model J-500 Monolithic H-20 loading tank is being installed. The new system will be elevated approximately 2.5 feet above the existing grade. This is an advanced treatment system. The leaching field for this new system will be within the same footprint as the existing leaching area. The existing tank will be crushed and remain in place. This has already been approved by the Board of Health.

Decision: Mr. McKinnon moved to issue a "Negative 3" determination, that is, 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.

Mr. Colman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

7:30 Notice of Intent: 64-68 Robbins Street continuance: The hearing was continued again to December 20, 2017 at 7:30.

7:20 Notice of Intent: 9 Silver Hill Road continuance

7:45 Request for Determination of Applicability: 116 Stow Street

Patrick Hearn for a project at 116 Stow Street, (town atlas plate H2, parcel 66). The project is to construct a deer fence for protection of organic farming activity. Portions of the fencing will be within 100 feet of wetlands.

The applicant, Pat Hearn, presented the project. He has a 5 acre parcel of land which he would like to farm. He would also like to develop a CSA, Community Supported Agriculture farming entity. Because he wants to grow vegetables, it's imperative that he keeps deer off the property. He proposes to put up a double fence, spaced between 4 feet and 8 feet apart around the farm area. The proposed height would be 5 feet for the outer fence and 6 feet for the inner fence.

Decision: Mr. Colman moved to issue a Negative 3 determination, that is 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.

The motion also included one **special condition**: Prior to installation of the fence along the eastern end of the property, the wetlands should be field located and flagged.

Ms. Green seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Certificate of Compliance

354B Great Rd (Quail Ridge) DEP File #85-986: no action

27 Jackson Drive (now 3 Constitution Drive), Lot 5, #85-1135

Decision: Mr. Colman moved to issue a Certificate of Compliance, Ms. Green seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

27 Jackson Drive (now Constitution Drive), #85-1136

Decision: Ms. Green moved to issue a Certificate of Compliance, Mr. Colman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Terry Maitland
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Chairperson

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November 1, 2017: Reviewed by TM

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File	Owner	Modified Date	Size	Actions
001 - Agenda 11-15-2017	naturales	11/06/17	0 KB	☰ ⚡ ⚡ ⚡
010 - 5 Fernwood Road RDA 2017 Plan	naturales	11/06/17	4 MB	☰ ⚡ ⚡ ⚡
011 - 5 Fernwood RDA 2017	naturales	11/06/17	2 MB	☰ ⚡ ⚡ ⚡
030 - 118 Stow St RDA 2017	naturales	11/06/17	403 KB	☰ ⚡ ⚡ ⚡
85-1138 - 27 Jackson Dr RCOC	naturales	11/06/17	120 KB	☰ ⚡ ⚡ ⚡
85-1136 - 27 Jackson RCOC	naturales	11/06/17	114 KB	☰ ⚡ ⚡ ⚡

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