

**TOWN OF NEEDHAM
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 9, 2021**

Under Governor Baker's emergency "Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c. 30A, S20," issued March 12, 2020, and in effect until termination of the emergency, meeting of public bodies may be conducted virtually provided that adequate access is provided to the public.

LOCATION: Zoom Virtual Platform – the meeting was held virtually per Governor Baker's Emergency Order.

ATTENDING: Peter Oehlkers (Vice Chair), Stephen Farr, William Murphy, Alison Richardson, Deb Anderson (Director of Conservation), Elisa Litchman (Administrative Specialist).

GUESTS: Chris Bianchi, Mike Retzky Diane Simonelli.

P. Oehlkers opened the public meeting at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES:

None.

ENFORCEMENTS AND VIOLATIONS:

None.

HEARINGS:

631 SOUTH STREET (DEP FILE #234-872) – NOTICE OF INTENT

649 SOUTH STREET (DEP FILE #234-874) – NOTICE OF INTENT

Prior to the hearings the Applicant requested a continuation to the next scheduled meeting to allow time to address comments from the previous hearings.

Motion to continue the hearing for 631 South Street (DEP File #234-872) to September 23, 2021, at 7pm, by S. Farr, seconded by W. Murphy, approved 4-0-0.

Motion to continue the hearing for 649 South Street (DEP File #234-874) to September 23, 2021, at 7pm, by S. Farr, seconded by A. Richardson, approved 4-0-0.

94 MACKINTOSH AVENUE (DEP FILE #234-876) – NOTICE OF INTENT

Chris Bianchi, the Applicant, and Diane Simonelli, of Field Resources Inc., were present for the hearing. D. Simonelli provided an overview of the proposed work, which consisted of the demolition of the existing single family house and construction of a new single family house. The existing site consisted of lawn extending to the back of the property up to the bordering vegetated wetland and a shed within the 25-foot Buffer Zone. A subsurface stormwater unit was also proposed to capture the first inch of stormwater runoff from the new structure.

D. Anderson noted that test pit data had been provided by the Applicant. The Commission requested that special conditions be written into the Order of Conditions for signage around a small restoration area as well as preventing final grading from shedding to the neighboring property. Erosion control barriers and silt sacks were also provided in the proposal, to be incorporated into the Order of Conditions. A waiver for the restoration plantings within the 25-foot Buffer Zone was provided by the Applicant.

Motion to close the hearing for 94 Mackintosh Avenue (DEP File #234-876) by S. Farr, seconded by A. Richardson, approved 4-0-0.

Motion to issue a waiver for work within the 25-Foot Buffer Zone for 94 Mackintosh Avenue (DEP File #234-876) by S. Farr, seconded by A. Richardson, approved 4-0-0.

Motion to waive the waiver fee for work within the 25-Foot Buffer Zone for 94 Mackintosh Avenue (DEP File #234-876) by S. Farr, seconded by W. Murphy, approved 4-0-0.

Motion to issue the Order of Conditions for 94 Mackintosh Avenue (DEP File #234-876) by S. Farr, seconded by A. Richardson, approved 4-0-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

187 BROOKLINE STREET (MITCHELL SCHOOL) (DEP FILE #234-816) – REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

Mike Retzky, the Superintendent of the Water, Sewer, and Drain Division, Town of Needham Department of Public Works, was present for the discussion. D. Anderson stated that work had been completed with some modifications made to the restoration plantings due to plant mortality. The Applicant requested a full Certificate of Compliance as the required two-year monitoring period had been successfully completed for the plantings.

Motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance for 187 Brookline Street (DEP File #234-816) by S. Farr, seconded by W. Murphy, approved 4-0-0.

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn by S. Farr, seconded by A. Richardson, approved 4-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37p.m.

NEXT PUBLIC MEETING:

September 23, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. virtually broadcast through the Zoom Virtual Platform.