

TOWN OF NEEDHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 10, 2022

Under Governor Baker's Act "Extending Certain COVID-10 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency", extending the "Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c. 30A, §20," issued June 16, 2021, and in effect until April 1, 2022, 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: Janet Carter Bernardo (Chair), Stephen Farr, Artie Crocker, Sue Barber, William Murphy, Deb Anderson (Director of Conservation), Clay Hutchinson (Conservation Specialist).

A. Crocker opened the public meeting at 7:15 p.m.

HEARINGS/APPOINTMENTS

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

Motion to continue the hearing for 631 South Street (DEP File #234-872) and 649 South Street (DEP File #234-8XX) to February 24, 2022, by B. Murphy, seconded by A. Crocker, approved 5-0-0.

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

This item was previously continued.

33 BLACKSMITH DRIVE (DEP FILE #234-883) – *continued* NOTICE OF INTENT

Susan McArthur, McArthur Environmental Consulting, stated that the plan changes were submitted to the Commission. The Commission reviewed the revised plans and photos of the backyard.

J. Carter Bernardo asked about the soil test hole for the subsurface infiltration system proposed where the chambers are and why that could occur at a later date. S. McArthur stated that the land is approximately 10' higher than the wetland in this area.

J. Carter Bernardo asked about the increase of impervious area proposed within the riverfront area. S. McArthur stated that these numbers were included in the narrative. The existing lot coverage is 10.7% and the proposed is 13.8%.

Motion to close the hearing for 33 Blacksmith Drive (DEP File #234-883), by S. Farr, seconded by A. Crocker, approved 5-0-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Commission reviewed the draft Order of Conditions for 33 Blacksmith Drive. It was noted that some Commissioners would need to review the previous meeting recording regarding this hearing in order to vote on an Order of Conditions at the next meeting.

MACC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

D. Anderson stated that the annual MACC conference will be held virtually. Commissioners can sign up to attend the conference.

SPRING PUBLIC OUTREACH AND PROGRAMMING

D. Anderson stated that the Commissioners could consider restarting Commission-led walks or other programming.

Motion to adopt the Narari Vision Statement, Guiding Principles, and Intentional Practices, created and improved by the Narari Working Group in 2021 for the Conservation Commission, by S. Barber, seconded by B. Murphy, approved 5-0-0.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. Minutes

None at this time.

2. Enforcement & Violation Updates

None at this time.

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn the meeting, by A. Crocker, seconded by S. Farr, approved 5-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

NEXT PUBLIC MEETING:

February 24, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. location to be determined.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Kristan Patenaude*