

**TOWN OF NEEDHAM  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, December 14, 2017**

LOCATION: Public Services Administration Building (PSAB), Charles River Room

ATTENDING: Janet Carter Bernardo, Stephen Farr, Bill Murphy, Alison Richardson, Chris Hayward (Director of Conservation), Debbie Anderson (Conservation Specialist), Kathryn Copley (minutes)

GUESTS: Karen S. Catrone, Bruce Ricciardelli, Tom Ryder

J. Bernardo (chair) opened the public meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**MEETING MINUTES:**

*Motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 9, 2017 and November 30, 2017 by S. Farr, seconded by A. Richardson, approved 4-0-0.*

**ENFORCEMENT AND VIOLATION UPDATES:**

**10-16 CHARLES STREET**

C. Hayward reported that a site visit will be made on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. The applicant is asking for a Certificate of Compliance. However the plants were only installed in April 2017 and need a minimum of two years to be established before a Certificate of Compliance can be issued. There is a new owner who is trying to close out the permit. A partial Certificate of Compliance could be issued depending on the findings of the site visit on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**250 STRATFORD ROAD**

D. Anderson indicated that she is trying to get an update and has tried to contact the contractor and an English-speaking representative for the homeowner.

**HEARINGS:**

**147 OXBOW ROAD – Continued NOTICE OF INTENT (DEP FILE #234-797)**

J. Bernardo opened the public hearing at 8:05 p.m.

The applicant would like to install an in-ground pool, a pool house, a seasonal float/dock in the Charles River and enlarge the patio. There has been no additional information submitted as requested by the Commission and the applicant has again asked to continue the hearing. Detailed information on the plans had been requested at the meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

The hearing will be continued to January 11, 2018 at 7:45 PM.

***Motion to continue the public hearing for 147 Oxbow Road (DEP FILE #234-797) to January 11, 2018 at 7:45 pm by S. Farr, seconded by A. Richardson, approved 4-0-0.***

**44 ELDER ROAD – Continued NOTICE OF INTENT (DEP FILE #234-798)**

J. Bernardo opened the public hearing at 8:08 p.m. A DEP file number has not been received.

Karen S. Catrone represented the applicant, Bruce Ricciardelli, for the construction of a single family home. Updated stamped plans with the requested changes have been sent to the Conservation Commission.

The updated stamped plans include the removal of the shed, the 12” compost sock detail, the limit of lawn, the 100-foot buffer zone and the riparian riverfront area. Calculations based on the deep test hole were provided.

The Order of Conditions will include verification that the stormwater system will function as intended.

***Motion to close the public hearing for 44 Elder Road (DEP FILE #234-798) by S. Farr, seconded by A. Richardson, approved 4-0-0.***

***Motion to issue the Order of Conditions for 44 Elder Road (DEP FILE #234-798) by S. Farr, seconded by B. Murphy, approved 4-0-0.***

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**DPW REPAIR/MAINTENANCE ACTIVITY NOTIFICATION (DEP FILE #234-630) – ROSEMARY BROOK MAINTENANCE:**

**34 MEADOWBROOK ROAD**

**43 MEREDITH CIRCLE & 17 BLACKSMITH DRIVE**

**45 MEADOWBROOK ROAD & 26 BORDER DRIVE**

Tom Ryder, Assistant Town Engineer, attended the meeting. The DPW is proceeding with rebuilding sections of the Rosemary Brook wall along the following properties: 34 Meadowbrook Road, 43 Meredith Circle & 17 Blacksmith Drive and 45 Meadowbrook Road & 26 Border Drive. These are new areas identified as priorities by the consultant. The DPW has been rebuilding sections of the brook as funds become available. T. Ryder reviewed the plans and methods for the rebuilding work. The homeowners have indicated they are in favor of the rebuilding and are providing access through their properties. Any disturbance to the homeowners’ properties will be restored and the language to this effect is contained in the bid specifications. It is anticipated that the project will go out to bid in January 2018 and the work

will be done during low flow conditions. It is anticipated that any sediment removal will be done by hand and not by heavy equipment.

Alison Richardson noted that channelizing brooks actually increases erosion which will undermine the walls and eventually require rebuilding of the walls in an endless cycle. The Commission was concerned that drainage behind the wall would cause erosion and instability of the wall in the future if weep holes were not installed during construction. The Commission asked that the Engineering Department ask the contractor to consider the addition of weep holes.

The Special Conditions in the Order will include the request that the DPW notify the Commission one week before the scheduled work to receive written approval. There will also be a note that the work should not be done in March thru May. It will also be noted that sand bags are to be used instead of hay bales.

***Motion to approve the Rosemary Brook maintenance repair work by the DPW (DEP FILE #234-630) at the following locations: 34 Meadowbrook Road, 43 Meredith Circle & 17 Blacksmith Drive, 45 Meadowbrook Road & 26 Border Drive by S. Farr, seconded by B. 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 8:20 p.m.**

#### **NEXT PUBLIC MEETING:**

January 11, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Public Services Administration Building, Charles River Room.