

**TOWN OF NEEDHAM
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, November 8, 2018**

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

ATTENDING: Peter Oehlkers (Chair), Sue Barber, Stephen Farr, William Murphy, Alison Richardson, Debbie Anderson (Director of Conservation), Elisa Litchman (Administrative Assistant).

GUESTS: Brad Ali, Jeanne Cary, Paul Defilippo, Derek Dupre, Kerrie Dupre, Greg Dracon, Ryan Hale, Heather Marsh, Bryan Picariello, Tom Ryder.

P. Oehlkers opened the public meeting at 7:35 p.m.

MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes of October 25, 2018 as amended by W. Murphy, seconded by S. Barber, 4-0-0. (A. Richardson arrived at 7:40pm)

ENFORCEMENT AND VIOLATION UPDATES:

250 STRATFORD ROAD

D. Anderson reported to the Commission that all the replacement trees have been installed at the property, the owner purchased the emblems and now has installed them in the correct locations. This Enforcement was not related to a permit so there is no further action necessary at this point.

75 PINE GROVE STREET

D. Anderson explained that a letter with strong language was sent by certified mail to the residents at 75 Pine Grove Street regarding draining pool water into wetlands. The neighbors at 30 Wayne Road had witnessed pool water running down from the Grove Street property into the wetlands at the base of the slope at the rear of their property.

HEARINGS:

145 TAYLOR STREET (DEP FILE #234-822) – NOTICE OF INTENT

P. Oehlkers opened the public hearing at 7:45pm. Ryan Hale represented the owners, Derek and Kerrie Dupre.

The owners are proposing to expand their home and make some improvements to the yard. The yard has concrete steps that lead to a lower yard and the property is in Bordering Land Subject to Flooding close to the 50' buffer zone. The lower terrace of the lot is all in floodplain. The owners intend to add a second story to the house and two separate decks. All of the proposed work is within 100' buffer zone. The project includes infiltration by adding two cultec chambers in the front yard. The owners propose conducting test pits as the soils appear to be sandy. No grade changes are proposed. The steps in the yard are proposed to be changed and shrubs installed. The lower terrace will remain lawn and erosion controls will be installed in the lower yard area adjacent to the armored riverbank.

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Kimberly Howard, an abutter at 137 Taylor Street wrote a letter which P. Oehlkers read for the record. A. Richardson suggested a swale be made and regrading be done to improve the existing conditions. The retaining wall is proposed to be removed. Discussion ensued amongst the Commissioners and they agreed that the current plan exacerbates the issues mentioned by K. Howard in her letter. P. Oehlkers stated that a new plan would be required of the owners and that both sides of the property need to show some slight changes. The erosion controls will be stockpiled on the backyard terrace.

W. Murphy asked whether the sewer line would be replaced. The owner is not sure but will have to submit a minor modification request if they decide to do that.

Due to the fact that the next Conservation Commission Meeting would not take place for a month the Commissioners agreed to sign the Order of Conditions once it is ready for their signatures and once a revised plan has been submitted, and then issue the permit.

Motion to close the public hearing for 145 Taylor Street (DEP File #234-822) by W. Murphy, seconded by S. Barber, approved 5-0-0.

Motion to issue the Order of Conditions for 145 Taylor Street (DEP File #234-822) contingent upon a new plan and review of Exhibit A by the Commissioners, by S. Farr, seconded by A. Richardson, approved 5-0-0.

MASSDOT – HIGHLAND AVENUE (DEP FILE #234-817) – ISSUANCE OF ORDER OF CONDITIONS

S. Barber signed the Mullen Form.

Motion to issue the Order of Conditions for Mass DOT Highland Avenue (DEP File #234-817) by W. Murphy, seconded by A. Richardson, approved 4-0-1 (S.Farr abstained).

50 WILDWOOD DRIVE – ISSUANCE OF ORDER OF CONDITIONS (DEP FILE #234-821)

Motion to issue the Order of Conditions for 50 Wildwood Drive (DEP File #234-821) by W. Murphy, seconded by A. Richardson, approved 5-0-0.

1357 GREAT PLAIN AVENUE (DEP File #234-819) – *continued* NOTICE OF INTENT

S. Farr recused himself from the hearing.

Motion to issue the Order of Conditions for 1357 Great Plain Avenue (DEP File #234-819) by W. Murphy, seconded by A. Richardson, approved 4-0-1 (S.Farr recused).

Motion to approve work within the 25' buffer zone by A. Richardson, seconded by W. Murphy, approved 4-0-1 (S. Farr recused).

Motion to approve waiving the waiver fee by S. Barber, seconded by W. Murphy, approved 4-0-1 (S. Farr recused).

OTHER BUSINESS:

36 ROBINWOOD AVENUE (DEP File #234-738) – REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

D. Anderson explained that John Rockwood had submitted monitoring reports and the plantings have met the survival rate. Her only concern is that the bushes have been installed to delineate the 25' no disturb zone rather than bounds and these few bushes are too low to the ground. A. Richardson recommended that the owner Greg Dragon, install a couple of granite bounds that will be noticeable forever. P.Oehlkers said he is curious about the language used in the Order of Conditions. D. Anderson stated that she could review the minutes of any previous meetings related to this project to see what was agreed upon when Matt Varrell was Director of Conservation. All agreed that this would be easy to fix with 3' tall bounds set into the ground. D. Anderson will go inspect once appropriate bounds are installed.

44 ELDER ROAD (DEP FILE #234-798) - REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

Bryan Picariello of Riccardelli Construction attended the meeting. D. Anderson stated that there is drainage on either side of driveway creating an easier flow within 100' riparian way. The site is stable and the shed has been removed. No monitoring was required for this permit.

Motion to issue the Certificate of Compliance for 44 Elder Road (DEP File #234-798) by S. Farr, seconded by A. Richardson, approved 5-0-0.

68-70 PLEASANT STREET (DEP FILE #234-772) – REQUEST FOR MINOR MODIFICATION

The applicant, Jeanne Kerry has requested that they enlarge and extend the parking on the property with Aqua Brie permeable pavers. The area where cars are parked outside the garage is earth and muddy. Since the permit has a partial Certificate of Compliance the applicant may still request this modification. The erosion controls are still in place.

Motion to approve the Minor Modification at 68-70 Pleasant Street by S. Farr, seconded by S. Barber, approved 5-0-0.

17 WHITNEY WAY (FORMERLY 342 CARTWRIGHT ROAD) (DEP FILE #234-549) – REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

D. Anderson explained that amongst David Kelly of Kelly Engineering, John Rockwood of EcoTec, and the owner the address of the property appears to be in question. She recommended that the application be tabled to the next meeting date until the information is clarified and understood.

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn by S. Farr, seconded by W. Murphy, approved 5-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

NEXT PUBLIC MEETING:

December 13, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Public Services Administration Building, Charles River Room.