

**TOWN OF NEEDHAM
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 25, 2020**

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: Janet Carter Bernardo (Chair), Sue Barber, Arty Crocker, Stephen Farr, William Murphy, Peter Oehlkers, Alison Richardson, Deb Anderson (Director of Conservation), Clay Hutchinson (Conservation Specialist).

GUESTS: Tripp Pace, Diane Simonelli.

J. Carter Bernardo opened the public meeting at 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES: None.

ENFORCEMENTS AND VIOLATIONS

None.

HEARINGS:

52 ELDER ROAD (DEP FILE #234-846) – NOTICE OF INTENT

The Applicant, Tripp Pace of Pace Builders, and the consultant, Diane Simonelli of Field Resources, were present for the hearing. D. Simonelli reviewed the proposed work, which consisted of the demolition of the existing single-family house, construction of a new single-family house, and the associated appurtenances. The project was proposed within Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland and within the Riverfront Area associated with Hurd Brook behind the property. Staff noted that a revised plan was submitted which included a small mitigation area to restore a portion of existing lawn within the 25-foot Buffer Zone.

A. Crocker expressed concern over the long-term protection of the mature trees in the 25-foot Buffer Zone if the lawn extends to the boundary of the Buffer Zone. The Commission requested updated plans with the details for the permeable pavers under the deck, test pit information for the location of the infiltration units, relocation of the proposed plantings away from the drain line, revised grading details to prevent runoff towards neighboring properties, and proposed monuments for the Conservation Commission emblems at the 25-foot Buffer Zone. The Commission discussed closing the hearing and allowing Staff to confirm receipt of appropriate revisions.

Motion to close the hearing for 52 Elder Road (DEP File #234-846) made by A. Crocker, seconded by A. Richardson, approved 7-0-0.

Motion to issue the Order of Conditions for 52 Elder Road (DEP File #234-846) made by A. Crocker, seconded by S. Barber, approved 7-0-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

185 BROOKSIDE ROAD (DEP FILE #234-815) – VIOLATION OF THE ORDER OF CONDITIONS

At the previous meeting, the Commission voted to issue an Enforcement Order for unpermitted work outside of the approved Order of Conditions for 185 Brookside Road. The Commission reviewed the Enforcement Order that was drafted by Staff. The Commission discussed the issuance of fines per the bylaw fine schedule for 6 violations of the Order of Conditions and unpermitted removal of three trees, totaling \$1,100.

Motion to ratify the Enforcement Order for 185 Brookside Road by W. Murphy, seconded by S. Barber, approved 7-0-0.

Motion to issue fines of \$1,100 for violation of the Special Conditions in the Order of Conditions (DEP File #234-815) and unpermitted removal of trees at 185 Brookside Road by A. Crocker, seconded by W. Murphy, approved 7-0-0.

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn by A. Crocker, seconded by S. Farr, approved 7-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42p.m.

NEXT PUBLIC MEETING:

July 9, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. virtually broadcast through the Zoom Virtual Platform.