

Dracut Conservation Commission
Minutes of October 5, 2016
Town Hall

Commissioners Present: Victor Olson, James Jendro, John Hassan, Stephen Graham, Fred Spicer, Conservation Agent Lori Cahill and Recording Secretary Cyndy Alexander

Commissioners Absent: Michele Grenier

Opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: For Minutes dated September 21, 2016, Motion to approve by Mr. Hassan. Motion seconded by Mr. Graham. Mr. Spicer abstained. Motion passed.

Mr. Spicer was welcomed to the Conservation Commission as the newest member by Mr. Olson and the other board members.

Correspondence pertinent to tonight's meeting:

- DEP Comments – None

7:05 Public Hearing: NOI: 83 Autumn Road #145-1029 Mr. Hooshman Afshar of Taj Engineering Inc. on behalf of his client Eva Moscat is proposing to replace an existing deck with a 10' x 16' wood frame deck with posts and sonar tubes which is currently within 50 feet of the Buffer Zone. The deck would not affect water flow, there is no grading to be done. There is an existing Certificate of Compliance on file with no special conditions. A Motion made by Mr. Hassan to close the Public Hearing. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Spicer. Motion passed unanimously. A Motion was made by Mr. Hassan to issue an Order of Conditions. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Jendro with discussion; standard conditions apply and no further encroachment towards the Wetlands. Motion passed unanimously.

7:10pm Public Hearing: RDA: 1423 Mammoth Road Mr. Scott McCarthy on behalf of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Matthews, is proposing to construct a 15' x 16' shed plus plans for landscaping for a hot tub area and a pergola over the hot tub. A permit was submitted for the shed and it was approved. The shed was constructed and later he was notified by the Building Department that the permit was not approved by the Conservation Department by an oversight and he had to hire a Wetlands engineer and come before the Commission. The shed is 90% complete except for the metal roof. He also built a pergola which only needs a few cross beams to be added to the roof. Mr. Olson asked Ms. Cahill if the existing drainage ditch was involved at all. Mr. Cahill explained that Steve Erikson of Norse Environmental Services Inc. went to the site and put the flags in and the drainage ditch is still functioning as it should. There is no more earth work to be done at this point. The area is stabilized. Mr. Jendro asked if the Wetland flags are labeled on the plans or did he have a letter from Mr. Erikson. Mr. McCarthy did not have that information. There was no Wetland impact. A Motion was made by Mr. Jendro to issue a Neg 3 with the condition that the flag numbers are added to the plan and he obtains a letter from Mr. Erikson certifying those flags and flag numbers are correct. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Hassan. Motion passed unanimously. A Motion was made by Mr. Hassan to close the Public Hearing. That Motion was seconded by Mr. Graham. Motion passed unanimously.

7:15pm Public Hearing: NOI: 600 Pelham Road #145- pending Ms. Maureen Herald of Norse Environmental Services Inc. on behalf of Charles Kleczkowski is here to submit a Notice of Intent which was originally filed on an RDA but the Commission requested it to be refiled as a Notice of Intent two weeks prior. The plans have not changed only the filing paperwork has changed. Plan includes grading, utilities, driveway and an existing foundation and well. They will construct, frame and finish the house. A Motion was made to close the Public Hearing by Mr. Jendro. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Graham. Motion passed unanimously. A Motion was made to issue an Order of Conditions by Mr. Jendro. The motion was seconded by Mr. Graham for discussion; no further building within 50 feet of the Buffer Zone. Motion passed unanimously.

Extension Request: OOC: 30 Bayard Street #145-919 A three year extension is being requested. Ms. Cahill recommends the extension as they are just getting ready to do the work and would need a two year grow season for the replication area. The original Order of Conditions was issued October 2013 so this request is within the time frame they could request an extension. A Motion was made by Mr. Graham to grant the extension. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Jendro. Motion passed unanimously.

Certificate of Compliance: 296 Long Pond Drive #145-392 Ms. Cahill recommends for approval. All work was done within the limit of work. A Motion was made by Mr. Hassan to issue a Certificate of Compliance. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Graham. Motion passed unanimously.

Certificate of Compliance: 1486 Mammoth Road #145-941 Ms. Cahill recommends for approval. All work was done in accordance. A Motion was made by Mr. Hassan to issue a Certificate of Compliance. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Graham. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Informal Discussion:

- Standard Conditions Boilerplate Update. The board reviewed previous edits and discussed making additional edits and then to send out a draft to the Commission for review and will discuss again at next meeting. More edits to come.
- Ms. Alexander informed the Chairman and board members that with regards to the MVRP project, National Grid/VHB has confirmed they will submit the funds for a Peer Reviewer for the duration of the project and she obtained permission from the Assistant Town Manager to allow the Peer Reviewer to begin work. Ms. Alexander contacted Mr. Bill Manuell of Wetlands & Land Management Inc. to inform him that he can begin work as the Peer Reviewer for this project. Mr. Manuell will send all correspondence to Ms. Alexander and she will distribute to the Conservation Commission.

Adjourn: Motion made by Mr. Graham to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Hassan. Motion passed unanimously.

Signings:

Next meetings scheduled are: Wednesday, October 19, 2016 and Wednesday, November 2, 2016 and Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.



Victor Olson, Chairman



Stephen Graham



John Hassan



James Jendro

ABSENT

Michele Grenier



Fred Spicer

Cyndy Alexander
Recording Secretary