



TOWN OF WEST NEWBURY

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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West Newbury Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 7, 2017

Members Present: Judith Mizner (acting chair), Wendy Reed and Tracy Peter.
Conservation Agent Jay Smith also present.

Public Hearing --- Request for Determination of Applicability --- Stuart Orloff, 18 Kimball Rd. --- To continue to have a farmer cut a wetland field. The proposed work will take place within a natural vegetation area and a bordering vegetated wetland.

Mr. Orloff was present and explained his request. After a discussion J. Mizner made a motion to issue a Neg. 3 Determination with the following conditions: Allow cutting once a year after September 1st to avoid disturbance to nesting birds. Cutting will not include forested areas shown on the approved plan in red. W. Reed seconded the motion with a unanimous vote of approval. (3-0)

Public Hearing --- Request for Determination of Applicability --- Jeffrey Reisner, 52 River Meadow Ct. --- For alteration of the yard within the buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland.

Mr. Reisner was present along with Scott Parker (Environmental scientist), Mike Summerville (Lawyer) and John Giusto (Contractor). J. McGrath commented on an easement not on the property and not relevant to the Hearing. Fill already used was tested ahead of time. The property is not yet in a water protection district. After further discussion J. Mizner made a motion to issue a Neg. 3 Determination with the following conditions: 1) Maintain erosion control throughout the project; 2) Loam shall be spread and stabilized; 3) Area shall be seeded after stabilization; 4) Notice shall be given to the Agent when work is finished and site shall be checked after first growing season. W. Reed seconded the motion; unanimous vote of approval. (3-0)

Public Hearing --- Request for Determination of Applicability --- Louisa Tanner, 72 Church St. --- For the installation of a pervious section of driveway within the buffer zone and riverfront resource area.

Ms. Tanner was present and explained the project. Filing included two areas of pavers requested. J. Mizner made a motion to issue a Neg. 3 Determination to include work already done and further work proposed and to allow the planting of shrubs as shown on the approved plan. W. Reed seconded the motion; unanimous vote of approval. (3-0)

Cont. Discussion: Harrison Bonner, 192 Main St. --- Enforcement issue.

Mr. Bonner was present and discussed the wetland disturbance behind his house. The Commission asked that he come up with a planting plan for the area and at his request agreed to allow a fence to demarcate the wetland boundary.

Discussion: Steve Greason for wetland crossings for a trail at Sullivan's Ct.

Mr. Greason was present and submitted plans for crossings on a trail from Sullivan's Ct. to River Meadow Drive. Greason was told that he needed to submit a notice of intent for the project.

Discussion: 36 Way to the River.

Applicant asked to wait until he received the written response to his letter from the Commission before attending a meeting.

Cont. Public Hearing --- Notice of Intent --- Cottage Advisors for Drakes Landing, 365 Main St. --- The applicant proposes to construct an open space development with a portion of the roadway in the buffer zone and bordering vegetated wetland.

Chip Hall and Dennis Hamel (Cammett Engineering) were present. Hamel provided soil logs of the proposed replication area down to a depth of 46 inches. He explained the impacts of creating a roadway from Meetinghouse Hill and stated that the Planning Board would not approve that entrance. Alternatives were discussed regarding the entrance from Main St. Hamel will provide plans of the alternatives. Alternatives ranged from a wall to a slope along the roadway to get the required elevation needed for stormwater structures. Amount of intrusion into the wetlands was the issue. Rainfall data was discussed. With the approval of the applicant the hearing was continued.

Discussion: Minutes.

The next scheduled Con Com meeting **Monday, August 21, 2017**