



TOWN OF WEST NEWBURY

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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West Newbury Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 24, 2017

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

Public Hearing --- Notice of Intent --- Cottage Advisors for Drakes Landing, 365 Main St. --- The applicant proposes to construct a subdivision with buffer zone and wetland impacts.

Mizner arrives at the meeting .

Robert Blanchette (Cammett Eng.), Leah Basbanes (Wetland scientist) and Chip Hall were present. Blanchette explained the project and stated that the Planning Board's revised plans were being prepared. This project is presented as a limited project. Mitigation planned is over 15,000 sq.ft. Mizner asked if the Cornell rainfall numbers were used in the calculations. The response was no. The Commission will check to see if new numbers are now required. After a discussion of the alternative means of access (Main St. and Meetinghouse Hill Rd.) the following requests were made:

1. Show the difference in wetland impact between Main St. access with the wall and access with a slope, including the size of the areas disturbed.
2. Amount of disturbed area on Meetinghouse Hill if project accessed from there.
3. Soil analysis in the replication area.
4. Provide temporary impact to the wetlands when constructing the replication areas.
5. Stormwater calcs.
6. Stake out roadway for Meetinghouse Hill entrance.
7. Stake limits of wall vs. slope and elevations.
8. Stake out replication areas.

The discussion continued concerning stormwater issues with comments from abutters expressing concern that additional water not be directed onto their properties.

Grass was proposed for the lining of the detention basins.

70% of the area is proposed as open space with fewer infrastructures. The conservation restriction proposed will be similar to Sullivan's Ct. Open Space will be open to the public.

Tentative site visit set up for July 30th.
Meeting continued with approval of the applicant.

Cont. Discussion: Cottage Advisors for Sullivan's Ct. --- COC request.

After discussing the site walk J. Mizner made a motion to issue the COC. T. Atwood seconded the motion with a 4-1 vote to approve with T. Peter abstaining.

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

Mr. Bonner was present and was advised that the enforcement order had been recorded at the Registry of Deeds due to his failure to respond to prior letters. Issues relating to alteration of the wetlands were discussed. He was told that if he wanted to remove the Enforcement Order he would need to set markers at the wetland flag locations and propose a planting plan for the disturbed area. Final conditions would then be determined.

Discussion: Louisa Tanner, 72 Church St. --- violation

Ms. Tanner was present and agreed to cease any work on the property and file a Request for Determination of Applicability for review at the next scheduled meeting. The Commission approved the removal of two stumps located on her driveway.

Discussion: Ash St. resident letter

Terry Bernes was present to discuss her letter of concern for the wildlife on Ash St. with the Commission. The Commission suggested that vehicular traffic concerns be discussed with the DPW and Selectmen. No action taken.

Discussion: Complaint from a resident about a property at River Meadow Ct.

The agent described the site walk he made to the site Thursday, July 24th. There was no wetlands disturbance. He asked the homeowner to install erosion control to mark the limits of work and prevent any erosion problems, and to file an RDA for the next meeting. Homeowner agreed to do so.

Discussion: 162 Bachelor St. --- COC Request.

After reviewing the material presented the Commission voted to issue a COC. The vote was 5-0 to approve.

Discussion: Main Street and Harrison Ave. --- National Grid tree cutting within wetlands.

The agent was asked to contact National Grid to have a representative attend a meeting to discuss the scope of cutting and debris left at Harrison and Main St.

Discussion: Minutes

Minutes for June 19th were approved as amended 3-0 with 2 abstentions

Minutes for June 5th were approved as amended 2-0 with 3 abstentions

The next scheduled Con Com meeting is Monday, August 7, 2017