



TOWN OF WEST NEWBURY

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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West Newbury Conservation Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Joint meeting with the Planning Board held in the second floor conference room

Cont. Public Hearing --- Notice of Intent --- Cottage Advisors for Drakes Landing, 365 Main St. (DEP# 78-679) --- The applicant would like to construct an open space development with the roadway intruding into the buffer zone and bordering vegetated wetland.

Present were members of the Planning Board, Chip Hall (developer), Melissa Robbins (attorney), Leah Basbanes (wetlands consultant) and Bob Blanchette (Cammatt Engineering). The alternatives of a wall and a sloping grade for the entrance roadway were discussed. Issues concerned scenic view and conservation impacts of each. A slope of 1 ½:1 was also discussed. No conclusions were reached. Applicant will return to the Commission with additional plans at the next meeting. Joan Flink asked about an alternative analysis on land adjacent to the property on Meetinghouse Hill. Hearing continued at the request of the applicant to the next scheduled meeting.

Return to the Conservation Office

Public Hearing --- Notice of Intent --- Bart Bauer, 84 Garden St. (DEP#78- 680) --- For the upgrading of a septic system within the buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland.

Jim Scanlon (engineer) was present representing the applicant and presented the proposal. The Commission requested data sheets or wetland description be submitted before the site walk. Site walk scheduled for September 10 at 8:00 am. Hearing continued at request of the applicant.

Public Hearing --- Request for Determination of Applicability ---

Deborah Watson, 3 Chestnut St. --- For a septic replacement, a portion of which is located within the buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland.

Robert Grasso (engineer) was present and explained the work to be done. J. Smith reported on the delineation. J. Mizner moved to issue a Neg.3 Determination with two special conditions: 1) erosion control to be installed and inspected before work; 2) materials removed to be located outside the buffer zone. Motion seconded by W. Reed. Unanimous vote of approval (5-0).

Discussion: Stephen and Terri Briggs, 41 Garden St. --- COC Request (DEP#78-676).

Site visit scheduled for September 10 at 8:30 am.

Discussion: Anthony and Elaine Poretta, 463 Main St. --- violation

Anthony and Elaine Poretta were not present. The agent will call and reschedule for the next scheduled meeting.

Discussion: Minutes

The minutes for August 7, 2017 were approved with modifications (5-0). The minutes for August 21, 2017 were approved (4-0) with J. Mizner abstaining.

The next scheduled Con Com meeting **Monday, September 18, 2017**