



# TOWN OF WEST NEWBURY

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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### West Newbury Conservation Commission

#### Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 18, 2017

**Members Present:** Dawne Fusco (chair), Judith Mizner and Wendy Reed.

**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.

In attendance were Robert Blanchette (Cammett Eng.), Melissa Robbins (attorney), and Chip Hall (developer). A living wall consisting of bags containing soil was presented as an alternative to a concrete retaining wall or a 3-1 slope. The Commission questioned how long it would take to vegetate and applicant said one growing season. The Planning Board is still reviewing options. W. Reed suggested that the replication area be designed to minimize the number of trees to be cut. A cutting schedule for the existing wet meadow was agreed to in concept. Melissa will send a draft of the Conservation Restriction to the Commission and applicant will amend the maintenance plan to provide more detail. Hearing continued at request of applicant.

**Discussion:** Tom Neve for Sullivan's Ct. --- COC request for lot 5 and Extension requests for remaining lots and roadway.

Tom Neve was present and gave an update of the site. D. Fusco made a motion to issue Extensions for the five lots for three years. The motion was seconded by J. Mizner with a vote of (3-0) to approve. The COC request still needs an as-built. The trail was discussed with no resolution.

**Cont. 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.

Deborah Hamilton (Realtor) was present for the applicant. A revised plan had been submitted showing changes to the wetland line. The distance to the wetland line did not change. J. Mizner made a motion to issue an Order of Conditions with the Normal Standard and Special Conditions with four markers to be placed on the no-cut zone line across from wetland flags B8, B13A, B5 and A3.

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

The Poretts did not appear. The Commission voted to issue a violation notice.

**Discussion:** Stephen and Terri Briggs, 41 Garden St. --- COC Request.

The silt sock and grass clippings observed at the last site visit have been removed. J. Mizner made a motion to issue a COC. W. Reed seconded, Motion passed.

**Discussion:** Stuart Orloff, 18 Kimball Rd. --- Recommendation from Rick Thurlow to change the time for cutting the wetlands.

Date of cutting was changed to after August 15, annually.

**Discussion:** Larry Panetta, 36 Way to the River --- Discussion about NCZ markers.

Mr. Panetta stated that they never saw the plan of the wetlands until the Engineer gave them one. They don't have a problem with most of the posts. They would like to make a rain garden in the old rink location and not place posts along the driveway. They will submit a plan of what they would like to do. The Commission agreed to consider their alternative proposal.

**Discussion:** Terry Hartford for River Meadows Conservation Area – For a request to do work.

Terry Hartford was present and described the conditions on the conservation property at River Meadows including an area that is being currently mowed. He would like to perform some management activities on the parcel including plantings and removal of invasives. The Commission asked for a delineated plan showing what he wants to do. An RDA would be needed to cut the area this fall. He asked to be on the agenda for October to present the preliminary plan. The residents are not in favor of trails in that area.

**Discussion:** Sullivan's Ct. trails and other.

No one appeared.

**Discussion:** Harrison Bonner for 192 Main St. --- For approval of a planting plan and wetland markers/fence.

Mr. Bonner did not appear. A letter will be sent requesting that he attend the next meeting. The area will be checked to see if any cutting etc. has occurred.

**Discussion:** Law office of Michael McCarthy for 25 Rivercrest Dr. --- COC request.

A site visit will be conducted. Continued to the next scheduled meeting.

**Discussion:** Minutes

Minutes tabled until the next meeting.

The next scheduled Con Com meeting **Monday, October 2, 2017**