



**Waltham Conservation Commission
July 16, 2020
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Attendees: Chair Philip Moser, Vice Chair Bill Doyle, Gerard Dufromont, Bradley Baker, and Michael Donovan

Informal Discussion

- **Kayak launch at 3 Lake Road:** Homeowner Lois Rosenfeld asked the Commission for advice on options to be able to enter Hardy Pond from her property on a kayak. Various Commission members provided suggestions, but ultimately suggested that Ms. Rosenfeld submit a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) for a more formal determination. Michelle will work with Ms. Rosenfeld to provide the documents necessary to file an RDA.

Public Hearing (continued from 6-25-2020)

Notice of Intent (DEP File # TBD)

Applicant: Astra Zeneca Pharmaceuticals LP

Property Location: 35 Gatehouse Drive

Project Description: Construct additional parking along the existing fire access road and an open field.

Jocelyn Gambone and Chris Wagner of VHB, Inc. and Paul Joyce from AstraZeneca represented the applicant. They did not prepare a presentation for tonight, however, they did submit a letter with more information about when the gravel road was built. Discussion ensued about the date the road was built which will determine which provision should be used for this Notice of Intent.

Mr. Moser will contact the MassDEP circuit writer to for clarification before the Commission makes a site visit to the location.

A site visit is scheduled for Wednesday, July 29 at 5:00 pm.

Motion made by Mr. Doyle to continue to the next meeting, seconded by Mr. Baker. All in favor.

Motion passed.

Public Meeting

Request for Certificate of Compliance (DEP File # 316-0745)

Applicant: Anthony Cardillo, Cardillo Development Corporation

Property Location: 343 River Street

Mary Trudeau represented the applicant to ask for a Certificate of Compliance for the duplex built at 343 River Street. There were a few extra shrubs planted because of some extra space. The large oak tree in the rear yard was maintained and appears to be viable.

Mr. Baker noted that the red maple tree that was requested by the Commission was not planted. Ms. Trudeau said she will add it to the site plan and make sure the tree is planted.

Commission members all visited the site individually and all were pleased with the project.

Motion made by Mr. Donovan to approve a Certificate of Compliance contingent on a revised site plan, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Public Meeting

Request for Determination of Applicability

Applicant: PD Winter Street, LLC

Property Location: 850, 900, 906, 910, 920, 930 & 940 Winter Street

Project Description: Construct a pedestrian path between the 850 and 900 Winter Street buildings.

Bill Jones of Linden Engineering Partners and Pete Cameron from PD Winter Street represented the applicant. The applicant is requesting a determination to build a walkway from the 850 building to the 900 building. This lies within the buffer zone.

Motion made by Mr. Donovan to issue a negative Determination of Applicability with the understanding that the Commission be notified the erosion controls are put in place and a member of the Commission will inspect those controls before the work commences. Seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Public Meeting (continued from 6-25-2020)

Request for Determination of Applicability

Applicant: Andrew Marchand

Property Location: 17 Elinor Circle

Project Description: Raze single family home and to construct a new single family home.

The applicant has requested to withdraw the Request of Determination of Applicability and has filed a Notice of Intent instead.

Public Hearing

Notice of Intent (DEP File # 316-0766)

Applicant: Andrew Marchand

Property Location: 17 Elinor Circle

Project Description: Raze single family home and to construct a new single family home.

Mr. Bibbo of Bibbo Brothers represented the applicant. Several members of the Commission attended a site visit at the project site. Mr. Dufromont reported out on the visit. Mr. Baker stated the proposed project is an improvement of what is currently there.

Motion made by Mr. Dufromont to issue a positive Order of Conditions with the standard Special Order of Conditions, seconded by Mr. Baker. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Commission Business

- **Approval of meeting minutes from 06-25-2020:** Motion made by Mr. Donovan to approve the minutes from the 06-25-2020 meeting, seconded by Mr. Baker. All in favor. **Motion passed.**
- **Update on filing fee projects:** No updates.
- **Storer Conservation Land Encroachment:** Mr. Moser outlined where the project left off, however the Commission is not going to take action until we receive further guidance from the Law Department.
- **Storer Conservation Land Management Plan:** No updates.
- **Wisteria Control:** The contractor performed an initial treatment to eradicate the wisteria, which did not get everything, but they will return for one or two more applications. Mr. Baker will go to this location to see if items he marked with not treated.

Correspondence

- **Bittersweet along the river at the Lyman Estate:** Mr. Baker visited the Lyman Estate. Under the Order of Conditions File # 316-0737, everything along the river was cut down and grass was to be planted. There is no grass, but lots of bittersweet seedlings. Michelle will reach out to the applicant to ask about the status of the project.

Old Business

- **Open Enforcement Orders:** No updates.
- **Worcester Lane Culvert:** No updates.

Committee Reports

- **CPC:** The next three Committee meetings have been scheduled for September 15, October 6, and November 17.

The Commission voted to appoint Mr. Doyle as the Conservation Commission representative. Mr. Donovan made a motion to appointment Mr. Doyle for one year, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

- **Trust Fund:** No updates.

Site visit reports

- **36 Oakley Lane:** A Certificate of Compliance was issued for this location on December 23, 2019. A condition of this Certificate was the homeowner was to remove three planters from the backyard, as reflected on the as-built plan. However, it was observed that these planters have been added back to the property. The Commission confirmed with Mr. Bibbo that these planters should not be there.
- **Hillcroft Playground:** Mr. Moser and Baker noticed that the knotweed at Hillcroft Playground was vigorous and growing through the fence. It appears that all the knotweed had not been

eradicated. Michelle will reach out to the Recreation Department to ask for another treatment and to remove the erosion controls from this location.

New Business:

- **Paine Estate:** A neighbor complained about teenagers riding dirt bikes on the trails through the Paine Estate.
- **Chester Brook Road:** A neighbor also complained about trees being cut down in the woods off of Chester Brook Road. This is outside of the Conservation Commission's jurisdiction and will ask Ann Clifford, the curator of the Paine Estate, to follow up with Kevin Thompson, the City's tree warden.

Motion made for the Commission to go in Executive Session to discuss a pending lawsuit at 205 Willow Street, seconded by Mr. Baker. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Motion made by Mr. Doyle to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Baker. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.