



Waltham Conservation Commission
September 11, 2014
Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Attendees: Robin Brodsky, Bill Doyle, Maureen Fowler and Daniel Keleher
Absent: Gerard Dufromont

Public Meeting

Prospectus Sign off/ Plan Sign Off:

- City of Waltham- Bank School Units: Mayor Jeannette McCarthy represented the City of Waltham. The Bank School has been renovated into 24 apartments. They are hoping to make them condos. The zoning only allows 14 units. They are seeking a request for use of the 24 units. There has been no change to the exterior. The drainage and sewer line has been changed. There will be new parking surface put in. There are no wetlands in the area. Mr. Doyle signed the plans.

Public Hearing

Notice of Intent Cont.

Applicant: Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance

Project Location: 200 Trapelo Road, Map 45, Block 1, Lot 1

Project Type: Replacement of a section of sewer main along Chapel Road at the Fernald Development Center.

Mr. Jerry Blumenthal from Nitsch Engineering was present. They are seeking an order of conditions for the new sewer main. There was a site visit that he understands went well. He was not able to be there. Ms. Fowler stated the wetlands are down the bottom and there will be a silt fence. There is a lovely wetland there. At the last meeting some of the neighbors were concerned about increased flooding but there were no neighbors at the site visit. There were no questions from the audience.

Motion to close the public hearing made by Ms. Fowler, seconded by Ms. Brodsky. **Motion passed.**

Motion to issue a positive Order of Conditions with no special conditions made by Ms. Fowler, seconded by Ms. Brodsky. **Motion passed.**

Request for Determination of Applicability

Applicant: Kenneth Cunningham

Project Location: 62 Oakley Lane- Map 51 Block 3 Lot 1

Project Type: Build rear deck to platform to connect to handicap ramp

Mr. Kenneth Cunningham was present. The house is a group home to four physically handicap individuals. There is a handicap ramp in the front. They would like to put a handicap ramp and platform deck in the back so if there is an emergency they can get out the back. It is going to be on sonotube footings and it's not going to disturb the ground. It's going to hug the right side of the house. It will be wood open decking and no roof above it.

Motion to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability made by Ms. Fowler, seconded by Ms. Brodsky. **Motion passed.**

Public Meeting**Request for Determination of Applicability****Applicant:** Daniel Melnechuk**Project Location:** 102 Hardy Pond Road- Map 13 Block 8 Lot 1**Project Type:** Replacement of shed

Mr. Daniel Melnechuk was present. He has a very aging shed. It is kind of swayed back and he would like to replace it. It is within 100 feet of the water. He believes the land is dry. The shed is currently over ground on some granite blocks. All of the land is still permeable in the current shed. He will be moving it two feet from the lot line to be compliant with the site plot lines. The new shed will be up on blocks. He will probably go with granite or cinder blocks.

Motion to issue a Negative Determination made by Ms. Fowler, seconded by Ms. Brodsky. **Motion passed.**

Request for Determination of Applicability**Applicant:** Richard Laing**Project Location:** 71 Edgewater Drive- Map 80 Block 3 Lot 3**Project Type:** New garage

Mrs. Leueen Laing was present. They would like to build a two and half car garage. It's small not a big one. It will have a small storage area on the side. It will be in the back right corner of the property. The engineer is going to build a big collection tank on the left side that is going to catch all of the water of the shed, house, and garage. They will be extending the tar a little bit up to the garage and there be a drainage pipe in front of the garage. The property is up on the hill. Ms. Brodsky questioned if the homeowner knew there would be an operation and maintenance with the drainage. Mrs. Laing stated yes. Ms. Fowler stated that everything has been done that would be included in an NOI except for notifying the abutters. Mr. Doyle stated there would be no adverse impact within the 200 riverfront and would probably be approved with a NOI. There was a discussion of the options on the Determination of Applicability form. It was determined the commission could not give a negative determination. The applicant will have to file a Notice of Intent.

Motion to issue a Positive Determination made by Ms. Brodsky, seconded by Mrs. Fowler. **Motion passed.**

Commission business:

- Motion to approve meeting minutes from 8/14/14 made by Mrs. Fowler, seconded by Ms. Brodsky. **Motion passed.**

Correspondence:

- Complaint about Ivy Lane: Ms. Fowler drove by the property. It backs up to the Storer Conservation land. A site visit will be scheduled.
- Environmental Notification Form for #10-#52 Second Ave- New Accessory Parking garage
- Request to use trail for Melanoma Walk on September 20th. Commission approved as long as markers are not permanent, there are less than 50 walkers on the trail, the litter is cleaned up after, and in the future request needs to be made three meetings beforehand

Old Business:

- Mrs. Fowler- No Updates
- Mr. Keleher- No updates
- Mr. Doyle- No updates
- Ms. Brodsky- No Updates

Site visit reports:

- Rock Lane- There was a site visit held. The applicant went on the wrong day. There is Superseding Order of Conditions that the applicant needs to follow.
- Prospect Hill park- Ms. Fowler took pictures of Prospect Hill Park when she went on the site visit. The road is falling apart again and degrading along the side of road. There is debris and it's going to wash out. A couple of years ago there was work done up there. There are also a whole bunch of trees stored there and shrubs. Letter to be sent to Mike Chiasson and Sandra Tomasello.
- Ms. Fowler went down the new bike trail by the Museum of Industry. When she drove by all of the straw bales were shoved up on the side. Schedule a site visit with Dan Driscoll from DCR.
- 36 Oakley Lane; Close to the wetlands. There is a bunch of debris and mulch near the fence and house hold items. Notify owner and request site visit.
- Muldoons Court- Ms. Brodsky and Mr. Doyle will go by to see what is going on.

New Business:

- Water course for commissioners to be held at Mr. Doyle's office on September 22nd.

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Brodsky, seconded by Mr. Keleher. **Motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm