



Waltham Conservation Commission
September 25, 2014
Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

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

Public Meeting

Prospectus Sign off/ Plan Sign Off:

- Special Permit- 20 Cooper Street and 135 Elm Street- Attorney Michael Connors represented the owners. They are seeking a special permit for a Riverfront Overlay. The petitioner will combine two lots for 264 residential units and parking garage with 535 cars. If Special Permit is approved, owner will need to file with Conservation. Motion for affirmative vote made by Ms. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. **Motion passed.** Mr. Doyle signed plans.
- 1019 Trapelo Road- Mr. Dan Yu was present. He received a special permit for a coffee shop and Asian take out last year. The original Asian restaurant wanted 1500 square feet but now the new tenant wants 1000 square feet. It is not jurisdictional. Motion for affirmative vote made by Mrs. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. **Motion passed.** Mr. Doyle signed the plans.

Public Hearing

Notice of Intent DEP#: 316-682 (Under Review)

Applicant: Richard Laing

Project Location: 71 Edgewater Drive- Map 80 Block 3 Lot 3

Mr. Richard Laing was present. They purchased the house in February 2014. The house does not have a garage. They would like to have a garage in the back of the house. It will be a single level two and half car garage with a storage area on the side. They will use the storage area to keep potted tropical plants alive in the winter. As part of the planning they had an engineer do plans to have a deep tank put on the side of the area. All of the run off will be into the soak away. They will end up with less water going down to the roadway. Mr. Doyle stated that they came in at the last meeting for an RDA. They were issued a positive determination and needed to file a Notice of Intent. There were no comments from the public. Mr. Dufromont questioned why the garage needed to be so far in the back of the house. The owners stated so they could turn around in the driveway. Mr. Dufromont questioned where the shed will be moved. They would like to move the shed to the other side of the opposite corner. Mr. Dufromont would like to shed put on the plan. Mr. Keleher questioned if the shed would be outside the 200 foot buffer zone. Yes, but Mr. Dufromont would still like it put on the plan. Mr. Doyle is happy with the drainage calculation. Motion to close public hearing made by Mrs. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. **Motion passed.** Motion to issue a positive order of conditions made by Mrs. Fowler with condition that shed location is added to the plan, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. **Motion passed.**

Request for Determination of Applicability

Applicant: Duffy Properties

Project Location: 46 Kings Way- Briar Glen Village- Map 80 Block 3 Lot 3

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

Mr. Ed McGinnis the Property Manager from Briar Glen Village was present. There are dead trees next to the property of 220 Hardy Pond Road. They would like to remove the trees. They spoke with Story Brook Tree Service. They will set up a crane on the paved area on Hardy Pond Road. They can access the trees without having to go on the dirt. The owners of 220 Hardy Pond Road were present. They stated that the trees died about five or six years ago. Not sure why. There are beavers out there. Mr. Doyle stated it looks like beaver activity. The environment has changed. The water rose and suffocated the roots. The homeowner stated he never had water in his basement until

recently. Mrs. Fowler questioned if the commission could do a site visit to the property to see what's going on. Yes, anytime. Motion to issue negative Determination of Applicability made by Mrs. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. **Motion passed.** Mr. Dufromont will go out to the site in the next week or so.

Ms. Brodsky entered the meeting at 7:25pm

Commission business:

- Motion to approve meeting minutes from 9/11/14 made by Mrs. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Keleher. **Motion passed.**

Correspondence:

- Invitation to Hobbs Brook Management 275 topping off celebration.
- NSTAR right of way maintenance at Waltham substation. They are going to repair structures that are within jurisdiction of Conservation- Find out what they are doing maintenance work on.
- Email from Steve Casazza about the Beaver Street Bridge. Commission will wait for proposed plan. Mrs. Fowler questioned if there is any reason both sides on Waverly Oaks Road are having the same problem. Mr. Doyle stated he didn't want to speculate.

Old Business:

- Mrs. Fowler- No Updates
- Mr. Keleher- No updates
- Mr. Doyle- No updates
- Ms. Brodsky- No Updates
- Mr. Dufromont- He has a meeting with Catherine Cagle and Sandi Tomasello about the signage on the trails. He walked Prospect Hill Park the other day to see how the markings are. He will report back to them and then they will discuss the Paine Estate trails. It's going to take time to do.

Site Visits

- Ivy Lane- Mr. Doyle, Mr. Dufromont, and Ms. Brodsky attend the site visit. There was a complaint from a neighbor about cutting down trees. There were no trees cut down, just branches from trees overhanging the property. There were branches thrown into the Paine Estate and grass clippings. The owner admitted he had done some of it but the whole neighborhood does it. The back part of the property is a wetland. Some of the bushes were old. He was told that he can't exceed what he has done and if he did he would have to come to Conservation. The front of the shed was rebuilt but the shed was already there. Send letter out to Ivy Lane residents about dumping into the Paine Estate.
- Elm Street- Mr. Doyle met with the engineer and Dan Driscoll from DCR. The erosion controls were all freshened up when he got there. They are going to plant winter construction grass for the winter. They hope to get all the work done in the water in the next couple of months. Mr. Doyle stated the bank doesn't have natural dirt. It seems like the surface of the moon behind the car wash and Boston Bark. They will fix the erosion controls and will stabilize the slope.
- Prospect Hill Park- Street falling apart. Will send pictures to Sandi Tomasello and Mike Chiasson.

New Business:

- Discussion on meeting dates for 2015. Will change November and December dates to 2nd and 3rd Thursday.

- Mrs. Fowler thanked Mr. Doyle for the water class. She thought it was really helpful.

Motion to adjourn made by Mrs. Fowler, seconded by Ms. Brodsky. **Motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm