

EAST BRIDGEWATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes
March 25th, 2024
6:30 P.M.
2nd Floor Large Conference Room - Town Hall

In attendance: Claire Yocum (CY), Steve Sears (SS), Paul Gallant (PG), Craig Winsor (CW), Elliot Jacobs

Also: Alex Welch, Conservation Agent (AW), Scott Turner (ST), Town Engineering Consultant – Environmental Partners

NEW

1. 274 West St./Erin Valentine/Collins Eng./NOI

Septic upgrade proposed regarding a single-family home.

PG/SS motioned to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions. In Favor - Unanimous

2. 141 Plymouth St./Daniel Kelly/Collins Eng./NOI

Septic upgrade proposed regarding a single-family home.

The Commission required a special condition for the sump pump to discharge to the side or front of the house and for trash/debris to be removed from the wetland.

PG/EJ motioned to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions – In Favor - Unanimous

CONTINUED

3. Stump Pond Dam-Plymouth St./SMJ Cranberry Assoc./Silva Eng./NOI

Applicant requested continuance to the 4/22/2024 meeting.

SS/PG motioned to approve the continuance request. In Favor – unanimous

4. 211 Highland St./Bedford Property Owner LLC/VHB

Brittany Gesner, Engineer from VHB present a plan revision to two basins on site that were not adequately draining. New plans and documentation through letters detailing the work were submitted. Ms. Gesner stated that VHB was not satisfied with the condition of the basins and that was the reasoning behind the revision submission. She believed that the revised proposal was also in line with the state stormwater standards. The plan is to remove the unsuitable materials from the basin, and replace them with the addition of an underdrain that would allow the basin to treat the stormwater to the maximum extent practicable due to the poor soil conditions on the site. ST voiced support for the proposed system revision. There had been multiple meetings between the engineer and the town consulting engineer. Prior to underdrains being permanently open, they would be closed, and a few storms would need to occur to document that the basins were not adequately draining. Such information would be provided to the Commission by VHB and the Commission would discuss it at the next regularly held meeting. John Bradley, an abutter had some questions regarding the plantings on site. There were no changes other than the basins

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would not be planted. Bobby D from Bobby D motors, an abutter, stated that he supported revisions being done, but also had questions regarding water concerns on another area of his property that abutted a different part of the 211 Highland St. property. There are wetlands in that area that do hold water at times.

CW/SS motioned to close the hearing and issue an Amended Order of Conditions for the basin retrofits. In Favor - Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS

5. Minutes Approval – 3/11/2024

SS/CW motioned to approve the minutes. In Favor – Unanimous

6. 825 Union St. – COC

PG/CW motioned to approve issuance of a Certificate of Compliance regarding work associated with a detached garage. In Favor – Unanimous

7. 7 Daisy Ln. – Update/Enforcement Order

The Commission discussed the extent of the replication area and made edits to the originally proposed plan regarding the area with the homeowners. The area was slightly reduced as the owner installed a fence that gave back some of the encroached upon 25ft buffer. Conservation marker located near elevation “95” shown on plan (near front right of the house) is to be moved to the “95” location shown on plan. Conservation marker shown below “1527 SF” written in red, is to move up to the 50ft buffer just above that writing. Green crosshatched area outside of the 50ft buffer shown on plan is to be removed from necessary replication area (not needed). AW to produce a plan showing the agreed upon extent of work to be given to applicant and homeowner along with enforcement order.

SS/PG motioned to issue an enforcement order for the above work giving 90 days for completion. In Favor - Unanimous

OFFICE DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. 490 Plymouth St. – Tree cutting

Some tree clearing had occurred on the property at the edge of the yard. AW conducted a site visit with the homeowner. AW was driving by and noticed the homeowner outside and decided to speak with them. The homeowner explained that the trees were large and his family was worried about them falling on their bedrooms. AW explained that they should not be stumped and that he will discuss with the Commission if they would like an after the fact filing. The Commission did not deem an after the fact filing as necessary.

Adjournment – PG/EJ motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 P.M. In Favor - Unanimous

Respectfully submitted as approved at 4/8/2024 meeting by the East Bridgewater Conservation Commission Board

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