

ACTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Meeting of 03-05-2014

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**TOWN HALL - 472 MAIN STREET
ROOM 204**

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Terry Maitland, William Froberg, Tom Arnold, Andrew Magee, Jim Colman

NATURAL RESOURCES DIRECTOR & RECORDING SECRETARY: Tom Tidman

VISITORS: Ben Ewing, Adria Osborne, Ted Atkinson, Brian Moody, Mohit Singh

7:15 Request for Determination – 364 Central Street (020)

The proposed work at 362-366 Central Street, town atlas plate E-2, parcels 187, 187-1, 143 and 143-1, is for the replacement of a soil absorption system to serve the existing facility. Minor breakout grading associated with the soil absorption system is within 100 feet of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. Also entails re-grading of an existing gravel pathway.

Ben Ewing from Stamski and McNary presented for the applicant, Idylwilde Farm. They have outgrown the existing septic system as the commercial business has grown. The new system is a "fast" system, and will result in an approximately 2 foot mound. The leaching field will be located outside of the 100 foot wetland buffer zone. The new system is designed to handle 3000 gallons of effluent per day, and grease traps will be added to the system. Grading to match the existing grade will continue to the 50 foot natural buffer. They have received Board of Health approval, with one variance for work within 150 feet of the flood plan.

Mr. Magee asked that the 50 foot buffer be shown on the plan and that no grading occur within the 50 foot natural buffer. Mr. Ewing agreed to the request.

Meeting closed at 7:30PM.

Decision:

Mr. Magee moved to issue a negative 3 determination, i.e. The work described in the Request is within the Buffer Zone, as defined in the regulations, but will not alter an Area subject to protection under the Act. Therefore, said work does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent. Mr. Arnold seconded, unanimous vote.

7:30 Notice of Intent, Requested continuance – 114 River Street (030)

Ms. Adria Osborne, of 8 Olde Surrey Road, inquired if the Commission had received a new set of plans yet, as she would like to have a set of the plans for her engineer to review.

Commission requested that the continuance date be moved to April 16th at 7:15 PM and that the new plans be submitted no later than April 9th.

7:45 **Notice of Intent** – 7 Silver Hill Road (040)

Theodore Atkinson, of 7 Silver Hill Road, (town atlas plate I-3, parcel 64-12) presented a project for the replacement of an existing retaining wall within 100 feet of wetlands.

Mr. Atkinson, resident of 7 Silver Hill Road, explained that there is currently a wooden retaining wall approximately 40 years old that is rotting and collapsing. Mr. Arnold asked what was the height of the retaining wall. Mr. Atkinson explained that it was less than 4 feet high for a length of about 110 feet. The original wall was build in 1970 and some settling had occurred behind the wall. Brian Moody, of A&B Landscaping, added that all unsuitable material would be removed and crushed stone added to control water around the base of the new wall. Work will be done with an excavator and Bobcat and will be done from above the wall. The new wall will be constructed in the same location as the original retaining wall and have a lifetime of 75 years.

Hearing closed at 8:10 PM.

Decision:

Mr. Magee moved to issue a standard order of conditions; Mr. Arnold seconded; unanimous vote.

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Mr. Magee moved to approve, Mr. Colman seconded, unanimous vote.

Business:

Commission briefly discussed the OSRP Public Forum held February 27. General consensus was that the meeting was successful, with a number of new ideas coming from the focus groups.

Commission also discussed meeting after work on 3/12 or 3/26 to congratulate Andrea Ristine on her MACC award. Most commissioners were available on 3/26 after 5:00PM.

Meeting adjourned: 8:25PM


Terry Maitland
Chairperson

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