

ACTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes
March 19, 2014
7:15 PM
TOWN HALL - 472 MAIN STREET
ROOM 126

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Terry Maitland, William Froberg, Amy Green, Jim Colman, Theresa Portante-Lyle

NATURAL RESOURCES DIRECTOR & RECORDING SECRETARY: Tom Tidman

VISITORS: Paul Campbell

7:15 Request for Determination of Applicability (020)

Town of Acton Department of Public Works is planning to resurface a certain number of roads in the town. The list includes portions of the following: Eastern Road, Minot Ave., Harris St., Hosmer St., Wampus Ave, and Spring Hill Rd. The proposal is limited to normal maintenance and there are no plans to alter the existing condition of these roads.

Paul Campbell from the Engineering Department presented for the Town. The filing represents the streets that will be milled and resurfaced during the next construction season. All milled pavement goes directly into a dump truck and is hauled away. No ground material will remain within 100 feet of wetlands. There are no drainage improvements planned, including culvert replacements, for the roads being resurfaced.

Ms. Green mentioned that the new wetlands regulations may exempt routine road resurfacing projects. Once the new state regulations are approved, she will inform the Commission.

Meeting closed at 7:28 PM.

Decision:

Mr. Colman moved to issue a Negative 3 determination, that is 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. Froberg seconded, unanimous vote.

7:30 Request for Determination of Applicability (030)

Town of Acton Department of Public Works planning the construction of new sidewalks or repaving of sidewalks for the benefit of the public. The new walks will connect existing sidewalks and will vary in placement to avoid relocating objects such as utility poles and trees. Specific locations are Central St. sidewalk, from the train track to Halfmoon Hill and Stow St. sidewalk between Martin St. and Maple St., intersection of Taylor Rd. and Main St. (next to Arboretum).

Mr. Campbell from the Engineering Department plans for the addition of three new sections of sidewalk, each requiring work within 100 feet of wetlands.

Central St. near Half-Moon Hill installation is approximately 100 feet of sidewalk near the MBTA line and Idylwilde Farm. Ms. Green asked if this work is in a riverfront area and Mr. Campbell said it is, but that they would not need to extend the culvert over Fort Pond Brook since there was sufficient space for the 5 foot wide sidewalk.

Ms. Green expressed concern that the Commission would not be able to issue a permit for Riverfront Area work that was filed as a Request for Determination and not a Notice of Intent. Mr. Maitland asked if the applicant would consider withdrawing this section of the RDA and refilling it as an NOI. Mr. Campbell said, yes, he could since they were going to file an NOI later this year for another sidewalk project and could include the Central Street project with it. Mr. Colman then stated that the Commission could continue the hearing for the remaining presentation for the sidewalk projects and have the clerk adjust the filing document to exclude the Central Street listing.

1. The Stow Street sidewalk is proposed along the north side of Stow Street near Maple Street. Work will require removing an existing stone wall. Sidewalk construction will only occur in the buffer zone.
2. The third proposed sidewalk will be installed at the Arboretum, beginning at the intersection of Taylor and Main Street and following the existing gravel sidewalk, ending at the Taylor Road parking lot.

Meeting closed at 8:12PM.

Based on the agreement with Mr. Campbell, the following decision applies only to the Stow Street sidewalk and the Taylor Street sidewalk:

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Certificate of compliance

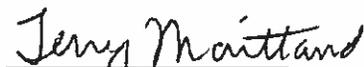
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There was too much snow cover to inspect the site for erosion; therefore, the certificate was not issued. It will be scheduled for the next meeting, April 2.

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Ms. Green moved to approve, Mr. Colman seconded, unanimous vote.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 PM


Terry Maitland
Chairperson

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