

**ACTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
June 17, 2015
7:15 PM
TOWN HALL - 472 MAIN STREET
ROOM 204**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Terry Maitland, William Froberg, Tom Arnold, Jim Colman, Paula Goodwin

NATURAL RESOURCES DIRECTOR & RECORDING SECRETARY: Tom Tidman

VISITORS: Peter Conant and Ona Jonaityte, "Own A Home;" Paul Campbell, Town of Acton Engineering; Bettina Abe, Natural Resources Assistant

7:15 **Notice of Intent:** High Street Sidewalk, continued from June 3.

Paul Campbell responded to the following requests from the Commission:

1. Streamwater crossing standards: DEP Wildlife standards.
2. Drainage calculations:

Option a: 48 inch pipe lined with a 42 inch plastic liner to replace the 36 inch liner. Cost of materials: \$4000.

Option b: 5 ½ inch high by 14 foot wide concrete box culvert to meet stream crossing standard. Cost estimate for materials: \$25,000 for Box Culvert.

The options will meet the 100 year storm flood capacity. All catch basins will have gas trap hoods installed.

Mr. Arnold asked if the Town was required to meet Stream Standards. Mr. Campbell explained that DEP asks that Stream Standards be met to the most degree feasible.

Mr. Campbell described the water diversion process: the stream would be first sandbagged to replace the 36 inch pipe and the process would be repeated for replacing the 48 inch pipe.

Ms. Goodwin asked about the frequency of cleaning catch basins and Mr. Campbell explained that the Town cleans them each spring.

The hearing closed at 7:50 PM.

Decision: Tom Arnold moved to issue a standard Order of Conditions, waiving conditions 18 & 19 of the Acton By-law. Mr. Froberg seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

7:55 **Preliminary Review**, 150 Powder Mill Road, Peter Conant

Peter Conant and Ona Jonaityte, architects from the firm "Own A Home" which designs and builds affordable homes in MA, presented a proposal for a housing development at 150 Powder Mill Road. They were the architects of Acton Meadows, a 26 unit development across from Gould's Plaza.

Mr. Conant outlined the conceptual design of the townhouse development to the Commission. His plan for the comprehensive permit is to meet the 75 foot no-build set-back. He mentioned that he has received conflicting information as to whether "Ripple Pond" on the Assabet River is considered an impoundment, and as such is not subject to the Rivers Protection Act. The Commission suggested he contact DEP to get his answer.

8:20 **Contract approval**: Mechanical Aquatic Vegetation Control at Ice House & Robbins Mill Ponds

Mr. Arnold asked if the project was considered an "Ecological Restoration Project." The Commission also discussed if a Notice of Intent was needed. Mr. Tidman and Ms. Abe would contact DEP, NHESP and CISMA to find out how other towns handle this type of project.

Decision: Mr. Colman moved that the Commission supports moving forward with the project unless an NOI is required. Mr. Arnold seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

9:00 **Conservation Land Regulations**: review draft of consolidated version

Decision: Mr. Colman moved to accept the approved amendments as recorded by Ms. Abe and presented for review. Mr. Arnold seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Corrected Order of Conditions for ARRT: signatures were collected

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Meeting adjourned 9:00PM



Terry Maitland
Chairperson

**ACTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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