

ACTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
September 7, 2016
7:15 PM
TOWN HALL - 472 MAIN STREET
ROOM 204

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Terry Maitland, William Froberg, Amy Green, Jim Colman, Paula Goodwin, Jennifer Pearson

NATURAL RESOURCES DIRECTOR & RECORDING SECRETARY: Tom Tidman

VISITORS: Allison Field, Bettina Abe, Sal Panetta, Jean Panetta, Scott Hayes, Susan Logan

7:15 Notice of Intent: 179 High Street, Assabet River Hiking Trail; DEP No. 85-1205

Tom Tidman and Bettina Abe presented the project for the Town of Acton Natural Resources Department. Mr. Tidman noted that the idea of a walking trail along the Assabet River, running through the three towns of Maynard, Acton and Concord has been in the works for many years. It is listed as an action item in the current OSRP. OARS of Acton and Maynard co-sponsored a grant that covers some of the construction costs. Ms. Abe explained that there were to be five boardwalk sections proposed over the wet areas and an observation area and boardwalk near the Old High Street entrance. Plans are to build the 5 boardwalks this fall and the observation deck and boardwalk this winter utilizing the Natural Resources crew.

Two four-car parking lots will be built, one on Old High Street and one on Parker Street near Adams Street. Mr. Froberg asked where the put-in will be located along the river. Ms. Abe responded that the final decision hasn't been made as yet, but it may possibly be an easement on Mike Coates abutting property.

Decision: Mr. Froberg moved to issue a standard Order of Conditions, waiving conditions 18 and 19 of the Town of Acton Bylaw; Mr. Colman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

8:43 Notice of Intent, Continuance: 5 Willow Street DEP #85-1204

Scott Hays, Environmental Engineer, discussed the plan to establish a fifteen (15) foot natural vegetation strip along the existing drainage ditch, in response to the conditions from the prior meeting (August 17). Water will be collected and run through a vegetated filter strip up-gradient of the swale. Along the 15 foot buffer, old reinforced concrete pipe will be used along with boulders to define the natural edge. A container trailer, parked in that area, will be removed from the 15 foot natural buffer. The front of the vegetated filter strip will be grass that will be mowed. Mr. Hays said that the intent is to repave a 20 foot apron in front of each of the buildings.

Ms. Goodwin asked if trash had been removed from the ditch. Mr. Hays responded that the ditch was excavated in the 1950's, and is pretty much filled with invasive plants. He

doesn't see much trash in the ditch. Mr. Colman asked that, where the ditch goes under the gravel access drive, (existing culvert), a fifteen (15) foot grass strip be added on both sides in addition to the strip shown on the plan.

The meeting was closed at 8:15.

Decision: Mr. Maitland moved to issue a standard Order of Conditions with the following three special conditions:

1. In addition to the 15 foot wide restoration area, as shown on the revised Notice of Intent Plan dated 9/2/16, the applicant will also establish two (2) 15 foot wide buffer zone restoration areas, perpendicular to the intermittent stream (ditch). Area 1 will be parallel to flags WFG#A5 and WF# A4; area 2 will be parallel to WF# B26 and WF# B25. The width of the gravel road will be reduced as a result of the creation of these two restoration areas.
2. Repaving within 100 feet of the on-site wetlands is restricted to areas that have previously been paved. If it is determined by the applicant that new previously unpaved areas should be included, a new wetlands filing will be required, including compliance with stormwater mitigation standards.
3. For a period of three years, or during the extent of the Order of Conditions, periodic inspections will be made by the Conservation Agent to insure compliance with the approved Order of Conditions.

Mr. Colman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

8:15 Request for Determination: 104 Main Street

The project was presented by Susan Logan. She described a vintage 1843 house that was in need of renovation. There currently exists no direct access to the rear yard from the rear of the house. The project proposes four support piers and the construction of a small landing which would lead to steps to an existing deck. Work will occur within 100 feet of Mill Pond, which is an impoundment of Fort Brook Pond.

Decision: Mr. Colman moved to issue a negative 3 determination, that is 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 the motion and it passed unanimously.

8:45 Review of the Landscape Plan for 178 Great Road

The Commission was given a copy of a planting plan developed by the engineering firm GPR (Goldsmith, Prest & Ringwall Inc.). Ms. Green had reviewed the plan and was fine with the plantings as proposed.

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August 3, 2016: reviewed by TM, AG

Ms. Green moved to accept the minutes of August 3, Mr. Colman seconded and motion passed unanimously.

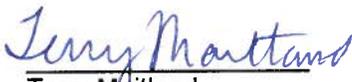
August 17, 2016: Reviewed by TM, AG

Ms. Green moved to accept the minutes of August 17, Mr. Colman seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Certificate of Compliance: 15 Newtown Road, DEP 85-843

Decision: Ms. Green moved to issue a Certificate, Mr. Colman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned: 9:00 PM



Terry Maitland
Chairperson

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MEETING AGENDA

7:15 Notice of Intent: Assabet River Hiking Trail

The Town of Acton Natural Resources Department for a project entitled “Assabet River Blue & Green Trail.” The work is part of a long-term OARS Inc. effort to create a trail along the full length of the Assabet River. Specifically, this project is to create accessible walking trails along the Acton section of the Assabet River, and to improve signage for existing boat access points along this section of riverfront.

7:30 Notice of Intent Continuance: 5 Willow Street

8:00 Request for Determination: 104 Main St.

Susan Logan for a project at 104 Main Street, Town Atlas plate no. H2A, parcel 70. The project is the construction of a deck within 100 feet of wetlands.

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