

**TOWN OF ACTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes
January 4, 2017
7:15 PM
TOWN HALL - 472 MAIN STREET**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Terry Maitland, Amy Green, Jim Colman, Paula Goodwin, Tim McKinnon, Jennifer Stolz; Bill Froberg

NATURAL RESOURCES DIRECTOR & RECORDING SECRETARY: Tom Tidman

VISITORS: Jerry Eaton, Bill Brumback

7:15 Request for Determination of Applicability: 66 Hayward Road

Acton-Boxboro Regional School District for a project at 66 Hayward Road (town atlas plate F3, parcel 15), the "lower fields" turf field. The project entails the construction of a 40 by 15 foot structural wall to be used as a Bounce Back Wall for athletic practice and activities. A portion of the supporting apron is within 50 feet of wetlands.

Jerry Eaton and Bill Brumback presented for the Acton-Boxboro Regional School District. They had been looking for a site for a bounce back concrete structure for several years. They looked at the Lower Fields concessions building but the school department would not allow a bounce-back wall at that location. The wall will be perpendicular to the turf fields, and be 75 feet from wetlands. A concrete pad will bring it closer to wetlands. No material will be stored on site. Peat will be loaded and hauled away. The wall will be 15 feet high, and the pad will be 25 feet wide.

Mr. Froberg commented that he had been on site today, and it seemed like an unfortunate location.

Mr. Eaton said a significant cross-section of unsuitable soil would be removed and replaced with suitable soil. It's an ambitious undertaking for the contractor. Excavating the foundation would be done in the winter.

Mr. McKinnon asked if the wall could be moved along the same line further away from the wetland. Mr. Eaton said that would impact existing fields, but he would check to see if by reducing the length of the wall from 45 feet to 40 feet, they could get the project completely outside the 75 foot setback.

Mr. McKinnon asked if they would have to de-water during the excavation and, if so, where would the water go?

Mr. Colman noted that this appears to be a substantial project that should have a Notice of Intent filing. It was further discussed that the location of the wall on the map did not appear to be to scale and was not accurate. The Commission asked that it be staked and a site visit be scheduled.

Mr. Eaton requested a continuance to look at possibly moving the wall further away from wetlands.

Mr. Maitland said the Commission would like to visit the site, and would like to see stakes placed to denote the location of the wall.

The Commission further discussed the location of snow piles containing the rubber product from the turf fields that is getting into the wetlands, and what action needs to be taken to remedy the situation.

Mr. Maitland announced that the meeting would be continued to January 18 at **7:00 PM**.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.



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Chairperson

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