

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
AMENDED AGENDA
JULY 16, 2008

7:15 NOI – Continuation – 44 Great Road – continued until August 6 at 7:30 PM

7:25 Request for Determination - 45 Taylor Road - Robert Bettinson
Repair/upgrade to the existing septic system within 100' of a wetland – has received permit approving design from Board of Health.

7:30 Request for Determination - 26 Grasshopper Lane - E. Boyajian
Landscaping within 100' of wetlands.

7:45 Notice of Intent - 308 High Street - Robert Derby, RH Products
Replacement and upgrade of an existing cesspool with a new septic system within 100' of a wetland – has received permit approving design from Board of Health.

8:00 Request for Determination - 101 Strawberry Hill Road - Harry Hedison
Addition to the existing single-family house within 100' of wetlands.

Certificate of Compliance – 25 Overlook Drive – 85-873

Status - 70 Newtown Road

Minutes

May 21, 2008 submitted within
June 18 forthcoming

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MINUTES
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MEMBERS PRESENT: Terry Maitland, Janet Adachi, Fran Portante, Patty Lee, Linda Serafini

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: Toni Hershey

CONSERVATION ADMINISTRATOR: Tom Tidman

RECORDING SECRETARY: Andrea Ristine

VISITORS: Robert Bettinson, Lorayne Black, Dick Dolan, Harry Hedison

7:15 Notice of Intent - Continuation - 44 Great Road

Upon request by the Applicant, Mr. Maitland continued the hearing until August 6, 2008 at 7:30 PM. Mr. Tidman noted that Mobil are likely to make major improvements to this site requiring a more comprehensive NOI filing.

7:25 Request for Determination - 45 Taylor Road - Robert Bettinson

Mr. Bettinson reported that he recently purchased the property and presented plans for the proposed repair/upgrade to the existing septic system within 100' of a wetland. Proposed grading for the leach field break-out area is within the 100' buffer zone. The new system has been designed to accommodate a six bedroom house. The plan has received a permit approving the design from the Board of Health.

Determination - 45 Taylor Road

Ms. Adachi moved that the Commission find the proposed work to be within its jurisdiction but will not impact the wetland; Ms. Lee 2nd, the motion passed unanimously.

7:31 Request for Determination - 26 Grasshopper Lane - Ed Boyajian

Lorayne Black, landscape architect, presented a proposed landscaping master plan within 100' of wetlands; activities will include the installation of two 30' sections of guardrail along the existing concrete bridge, installation of 150 linear feet of fence along the existing driveway, installation of 200 linear feet of stone dust pathway, plantings and a slight radius realignment of the existing driveway adjacent to the existing house to reduce the sharp bend; the driveway realignment will require a small amount of additional paving. The property currently has foundation plantings; the Applicant wishes to add native plant species with a 24"-wide oval stone-dust or crushed-stone pathway around the front yard. Currently there is a dangerous situation along the driveway at the stream crossing. A proposed post and rail fence will be installed on both sides of the existing driveway along the stream crossing; the posts will be set in concrete. All excavated materials will be stockpiled outside of the 100' buffer zone. The existing polishing basin will be planted with Winterberry.

Mr. Maitland noted the long history with this property and stated that he would be more comfortable if this project was filed as a Notice of Intent.

Ms. Lee noted that the proposed plan provides for the installation of *Mischanthus sinensis*, a grass species which may become invasive. Ms. Black indicated that she will replace those plantings with a non-invasive grass species. Ms. Lee also expressed concern with the use of stonedust for the proposed pathway due to issues associated with its processing. Ms. Lee stated that she would rather see the proposed pathway constructed with crushed stone or mulch.

Ms. Black noted that a final plan for the proposed posts to be set in concrete at the stream crossing will be submitted to the office.

7:50 Hearing no further comments or questions, Mr. Maitland closed the meeting.

Determination - 26 Grasshopper Lane

Ms. Lee moved that the Commission find the work as proposed to be within its jurisdiction but will not impact the wetlands with the special condition that prior to the commencement of work, the Applicant shall submit a detailed design plan for the proposed fence and guardrail installation to be approved by the Commission or its agent.

Ms. Portante 2nd; the motion passed unanimously.

7:55 Notice of Intent - 308 High Street - Robert Derby, RH Products

Dick Dolan from ABC Cesspool presented plans for the proposed replacement and upgrade of the existing cesspool with a new septic system within 100' of a wetland. There is no alternative location on the property to install the proposed system. The proposed 1,000 and 1,500 gallon septic tanks both will be 50' from the edge of wetlands. The Board of Health has issued a permit approving the design.

8:05 Hearing no comments or questions, Mr. Maitland closed the hearing.

Decision – 308 Old High Street

Ms. Adachi moved that the Commission issue an Order of Conditions for the plans as presented; Ms. Serafini 2nd, the motion passed unanimously.

8:10 Request for Determination - 101 Strawberry Hill Road - Harry Hedison

Mr. Hedison presented plans for the proposed 18' x 21' addition to his existing single-family house within 100' of wetlands. Mr. Tidman delineated the wetland line. The proposed addition is 80' from the edge of wetlands. The existing septic system is in front of the house. The proposed addition will be constructed on the side of the house with two existing bedrooms are currently located. The proposed addition will be located 10' from the existing stone wall; wetlands are located on the opposite side of the stone wall from the existing house and addition.

8:20 Hearing no comments or questions, Mr. Maitland closed the meeting.

Determination - 101 Strawberry Hill Road

Ms. Lee moved that the Commission find the work as presented to be within its jurisdiction, but will not impact the wetlands with the special condition that the Applicant shall install siltation prevention along the limit of work on the house side of the stonewall; Ms. Portante 2nd, the motion passed unanimously.

Certificate of Compliance - 25 Overlook Drive - 85-873

Mr. Tidman reported that the work is complete and the site is stable. Ms. Adachi moved that the Commission issue a Certificate based on Mr. Tidman's recommendation; Ms. Serafini 2nd, the motion passed unanimously.

Status - 70 Newtown Road

The Commission reviewed possible options for resolving the violation issue at this site.

8:45 Meeting adjourned.

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Chair

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