

**TOWN OF ACTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Minutes

June 7, 2017

7:15 PM

**TOWN HALL - 472 MAIN STREET
ROOM 204**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Terry Maitland, William Froberg, Amy Green, Jennifer Stolz

NATURAL RESOURCES DIRECTOR & RECORDING SECRETARY: Tom Tidman

VISITORS: Joe Holmes, Molly Obendorf, Leo Bertolami

7:15 Naming Guidelines for Conservation Lands

Joe Holmes, Land Steward Committee, will lead a continuation of a discussion on naming of Conservation Lands

Joe Holmes, member of the Land Steward Committee, explained that he is working with the mapping group and wants to be sure all names used to reference conservation properties are consistent according to the draft guidelines submitted. There are some discrepancies that the LSC has identified and wants to make sure that the ConCom agrees with the guidelines they are using. Specifically, the areas of concern are the Anderson Property, Wright Hill, 176 Central Street, and North Acton Community Gardens. They suggest that the Anderson Property be named "Bulette/Town Forest", Wright Hill continue to called "Wright Hill", 176 Main Street be named Heath Hen Meadow, and NA Community Gardens retain that name.

Decision: Amy Green moved to approve the draft guidelines, and to agree to the names of the 4 conservation areas as stated above i.e.

- Anderson Property Bulette/Town Forest
- Wright Hill Wright Hill
- 176 Central St Heath Hen Meadow
- NA Community Gardens North Acton Community Gardens (NACG)

Bill Froberg seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

8:02 Request for Amended Order of Conditions

Autoplex I, LLC, owner of 76 Powder Mill Road, adding floor drain connection to an existing gas trap system. No changes are required to the site plan and the change will not create any new or additional disturbance and will be completed during construction.

Molly Obendorf, from Stamsky & McNary Inc. presented for the applicant, Leo Bertolami. She explained that the proposed addition is designed for clean runoff. The floor drains are routed to a tank that is pumped quarterly. Mr. Maitland asked the reason for the change. Ms. Obendorf responded that they decided they wanted floor drains. Mr. Froberg asked if there were any capacity issues. Mr. Bertolami

responded that the system never backs up. There is an oil and water separator and a holding tank. Solids are removed 3 times a year. The grey water tank is emptied every quarter. A truck comes to remove the waste.

Mr. Froberg asked if the addition will increase the load and, if so, is there sufficient capacity or will it be pumped more frequently? Ms. Obendorf indicated that it could be pumped more frequently. Mr. Bertolami said it was alarmed to notify if or when the tank gets full. Mr. Froberg asked further if the system was inspected. Mr. Bertolami, noting that he was a licensed installer, replied no, it was not. Mr. Froberg asked if an inspection was required to get a building permit, and the response was "No."

Ms. Green asked if this was a new plan, to which Ms. Obendorf responded that it was not. Noting that this was in a groundwater protection zone, he asked if the Planning Board meeting on July 11 results in modifications to the plan, should ConCom condition their decision on the PB decision. Ms. Obendorf felt that there was no association between their decision and the Planning Board's. Mr. Froberg agreed it was a better design but had a concern that no inspection was required. Mr. Bertolami noted that there was an alarm and the pipe is pitched to the separator. Ms. Green asked if the Building Inspector would inspect the installation. Mr. Bertolami said it would be a plumbing inspection. Ms. Stolz asked if he was just putting in a pipe, and Mr. Bertolami said, yes, it was just a plumbing exercise.

Mr. Maitland closed the hearing at 8:17.

Decision: Ms. Green moved to issue an amended order of conditions, removing the original special condition prohibiting the installation of a floor drain. Ms. Stolz seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Minutes: May 3, 2017: Reviewed by TMc, JS, TM

Ms. Green moved to approve the minutes of May 3, Ms. Stolz seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Certificate of Compliance: 33 Squirrel Hill Road, 85-923

Ms. Green moved to issue a Certificate of Compliance, Mr. Froberg seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (This was an expired order of conditions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23.



Terry Maitland
Chairperson

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