**Minutes of February 20, 2020**

# Pursuant to the notice filed with the Town Clerk, the meeting of the Conservation Commission was held in the O’Neill Conference Room at Dedham Town Hall, 26 Bryant Street, at 7:05 p.m. on Thursday February 20, 2020.

# **The following Commissioners were present:**

Laura Bugay, Chair

Michelle Kayserman, Vice Chair

Stephanie Radner, Clerk

Bob Holmes

Eliot Foulds

Sean Hanley

The following staff were also present:

Renee Johnson, Administrator

Elissa Brown, Conservation Agent

The following Commissioners were absent:

Leigh Hafrey

Nick Garlick

Nathan Gauthier

Commissioner Bugay called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm in accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, the Dedham Wetlands Bylaw, and the Dedham Stormwater Management Bylaw.

**Continuances:**

* **637 East Street, Frank Gobbi, Applicant – John Glossa, Glossa Engineering, Rep.** - Roadway and utilities for a proposed subdivision adjacent to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands- (DEP File # 141-0486).

Commissioner Bugay moved to continue the application to March 5, 2020. Commissioner, Hanley seconded, all were in favor.

**Continued Applications:**

* **211 High Street, Park Dental, Applicant – Joseph Piccirilli, Highpoint Engineering, Applicant** Request for Determination of Applicability for the construction of a new handicapped lift (RDA 2019-10). Joe Piccirilli and Tae Park were present.

The Commission stated that the plans needed to be revised to include the following requested changes: place 4-6 inches of riprap on top of the stone trench where erosion is currently happening, remove the invasive Oriental Bittersweet vines growing at the edge of the driveway, switch location of grass filter strip and stone trench, and install erosion controls. Sod or broadcast seed would be permitted.

Commissioner Bugay made a motion conditionally issue a Negative Determination of Applicability with added Special Conditions, contingent on the ConCom receiving the requested changes to the plan. Commissioner Radner seconded. All were in favor.

* **123 Westfield Street- Lots 1 and 2, Oliver Garry, Westfield Crossing LLC, Applicant – David Johnson, Norwood Engineering, Representative** – Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of a new single family dwelling with septic system, including work within UBA (DEP File #141-0548 and 141-0549, MSMP 2019-03 and 2019-04). The Commission made a motion to continue as the applicant was not present. Commissioner Radner seconded. All were in favor.
* **177 Meadowbrook Road, Marie Louise Kehoe and Family, Applicant – Paul Lindholm, Representative** – New SFD on undeveloped lot (DEP # 141-0561, MSMP 2019-17) Paul Lindholm, David Gorden, and John Haven were present.

The Applicant presented the revised plan that showed the proposed work being 45 ft from the edge of the Buffer Zone and that a calculated 11.2% of Buffer Zone would be impacted. The applicant planned to match existing grades at the BZ boundary, thereby eliminating the need for a retaining wall. The planting plan would consist of 100% native species and a small percentage of lawn. The applicant stated that a total of 42 trees would be removed, 7 of those were already dead, and 43 trees and 78 shrubs would be planted in their place but wanted to request a tree waiver due to the lack of space.

Ms. Bugay proposed a prohibition on the use of metal roofing, flashing, and downspouts due to runoff concerns to the resource areas. Ms. Kayserman requested that mounding calculations be provided because the 100-yr storm event would cause stormwater to be introduced into the stone layer in the BMP. Ms. Bugay questioned whether the BMP met the 10-ft separation requirement. Mr. Lindholm stated that it would not, but that would not be a problem because the system would be well below the finished grade of the house.

The Commission requested the following be included on the revised plan: tree protection detail during construction that would consist of fencing around trees, a temporary dewatering detail, a catch basin detail, an erosion and sediment control detail, delineation of proposed erosion and sediment controls locations shown on plans, the estimated cost of the O&M plan, the location of the discharge point shown on the plan and the pipe size indicated, and the limit of work expanded to include entire retention basin, as shown on the Landscape Plan with the square footage calculated. The applicant will be requesting a waiver from the 2:1 tree replacement requirement and 10-ft separation from the building to the stormwater infiltration system.

Commissioner Bugay made a motion to continue the application until March 5, 2020.Who seconded? All in Favor??

**New Applications**

* **182 Fairbanks Road, Alex Venditti, Applicant –** After-the-fact Request for Determination of Applicability for removal of a shed and vegetation restoration in BZ to BVW and in Riverfront Area associated with East Brook (RDA 2020-01).

The Applicant presented a request to remove the partially constructed < 200-sf shed and restore the area disturbed by construction. He proposed planting two Highbush Blueberry bushes and broadcasting a Wetland Seed mix. He stated that he had not realized that the shed was in a jurisdictional area and was unaware of what was required. Furthermore, he stated that he did not have the time or financial resources to move the shed elsewhere on the property, so was not asking permission for construction elsewhere on the property.

Commissioner Bugay made a motion to issue the Negative Determination of Applicability. Commissioner Kayserman seconded. All were in favor.

* **Station Drive and Rustcraft Road, Jason Mammone, Town of Dedham – Director of Engineering, Applicant – Devin Batchelder, Weston and Sampson, Representative** - Notice of Intent for sewer improvements (DEP # 141-0562). Jason Mammone, Michael Paulin, and Devin Batchelder were present.

The applicant proposed replacing existing sewer connection pump and conveyance pipes with a larger pump and conveyance pipes, required to meet the town’s infrastructure needs. An Alternative’s Analysis was provided. The Commission recommended that dewatering stations be placed at several locations and suggested using a frac tank as recent work on that street had challenges with dewatering. They further suggested that the applicant use to compost filter sock with a biodegradable cover for erosion control instead of straw wattle; re-title the “Isolated Vegetated Wetlands” as “Stormwater Management Basin” in the plans; and add a note requiring the trench to be closed if precipitation is imminent.

Commissioner Hanley shared his frustration with the project as well as the Town, citing that poor planning has put the residents in a constant state of construction and will continue to do so for the next few years. Mr. Paulin stated that the work is anticipated to take about 10 weeks. Mr. Mammone stated that it would probably not be done until 2022.

Commissioner Bugay made a motion to continue the application to March 5, 2020. Commissioner Radner seconded. All were in favor.

* **74 Hooper Road, Timothy Coughlan, Applicant, Raouf Mankaryous, Alpha Omega Engineering Inc, Representative** – Notice of Intent for deck and an addition to a single-family dwelling in BZ to an intermittent stream (Mosely Brook) and BVW. Timothy Coughlan and Raouf Mankyrous were present.

The applicant proposes demolishing an existing deck associated with a previously demolished above-ground pool, enclosure of an existing porch, and construction of a new deck and bulkhead. It appears that the proposed alteration of the area is less than 500 sf, so an MSMP is not required.

Commissioner Bugay made a motion to issue an Order of Conditions. Commissioner Holmes seconded. All were in favor.

**Agents Report**

* + **Conservation Coffee – Next Meeting March 11, 2020 7:30 AM**

Agent Brown stated that the first Conservation Coffee had been a successful event and she was pleased to find a great number of community members and residents fully engaged in Conservation and Environmental programs as well as holding strong interests in the ConCom’s activities.

* + **198 Fairbanks Road** *–*The Town of Dedham has been gifted a small parcel of land that is surrounded by protected town land on both sides.Agent Brown is following up with the procedure to accept the gift.
  + **80 Bridge Street** *–* a pending enforcement order may be in place as Agent Brown waits for the resident to comply with a request by the ConCom. The applicant has been given a deadline of the end of March for submittal of an NOI and MSMP that improves wetland conditions and manages stormwater to the maximum extent practicable.
  + **70 Hastings Road –** The Commission approved a draft Comment letter prepared regarding the development.
  + **Draft Landscaper Letter –**The Conservation Dept plans to reach out to local Tree and Landscape companies to alert them to the possibility of regulations when working within jurisdictional area.
  + **Dedham Civic Pride** *–*The Conservation Dept will make the annual donation for a flower box in the name of the Commission.
  + **Bylaw Change – Fees –** Currently waiting for assistance with town counsel on increasing Bylaw fees for applications.
  + **Goals/Open Space Role**
* **Meeting Minutes** – 2/6/2020: Commissioner Bugay made a motion to accept the 2/6/2020 minutes with edits by Commissioner Bugay. Seconded? All in favor?

Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Johnson, Administrator