|  | The Town of Dedham  Commonwealth of Massachusetts  Conservation Commission  26 Bryant Street  Dedham, MA. 02026 |
| --- | --- |

Conservation Commission - Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 8, 2015, Dedham Town Hall- Lower Conference Room

Members Present: Fred Civian (Chairman), Laura Bugay, David Gorden, Kristine Langdon, and Brian McGrath.

Members Absent: Andrew Tittler

Mr. Civian called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Bridge Street Culvert - *Informal Discussion with the Norfolk County Mosquito Control*

Caroline Haviland was present from Norfolk County Mosquito Control. She explained that this work is exempt but they are coming in front of the Commission as a courtesy. They plan to excavate 50-75 feet of the channel bed and will remove some of the bank to improve drainage and function of the channel.

Mr. Gorden confirmed with Ms. Haviland that they are exempt under the Wetland Protection Act.

Mr. McGrath commented that the request seems to be pretty straight forward.

Ms. Bugay confirmed with Ms. Haviland that the excavated material would be brought offsite.

255 West Street- *Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation from Greg Carlevale of Cocinnittas Corporation. (DEP#*

Mr. Civian explained to the public that the applicant has only filed an ANRAD at this point, and the applicant would need to file a Notice of Intent separately for any work to be done.

Greg Carlevale commented that they also intend to present some details on the project tonight in order to collect some feedback from the Commission.

Scott Henderson reviewed the resource area delineation.

Agent O’Connell confirmed that she was able to take a look the flagging and found it to be acceptable.

Mr. Civian invited questions from the public.

Ruth Colby asked for clarification on the riverfront area. Mr. Civian explained the Conservation Commission’s jurisdiction is within the 200 foot area from the river front.

Larry Colby asked about the limits of what can be done within the riverfront area. Mr. Henderson responded that nothing could be done without the Conservation Commissions approval.

Mr. Civian made a motion to issue an Order of Resource Area delineation in accordance with the plan dates 11/18/14, seconded by Ms. Bugay. UA

An informal discussion on the Intent to Develop 255 West Street was held. It was explained that the intent would be to develop single family residences on the property. One corner of one unit would be located in the riverfront area. 51% of the site would be dedicated to open space and remains undeveloped.

Molly Moran described the design of the project; it would be geared towards the older population. Each residence would be on a single floor, and each would have views of the Charles River.

Mr. Gorden confirmed with Mr. Henderson that he has checked with National Heritage and they do not deem the location to be problematic.

Mr. McGrath asked about the infiltration of stormwater on the site. Mr. Henderson responded that they plan to have a central open space area with bio-retention cells or a rain garden.

Ms. Colby asked if the corridor that is referred to in the plans has already been cut, and if they foresee they will be cutting trees in the riverfront area.

Chris Mellon of 353 West Street asked how close the project will be to West Street itself and if it would be visible.

Ms. Colby commented that if the plan is to have a view of the river from each unit, they will not be able to see the river in the summer without clearing the trees.

Mr. Civian commented about potentially including a gazebo or canoe storage.

Ms. Bugay commented that she may be interested in seeing invasive species management on the site.

7:50 PM: 36 Saw Mill Lane- *Notice of Intent from Legacy Donuts, Inc. for the redevelopment of 36 Saw Mill Lane including the renovation of an existing building and the reconfiguration of the parking lot for a drive-up window lane. (DEP# 141-0471) Continued from December 4th, 2014. Applicant has requested a continuation to Jan. 22, 2015*

Mr. Civian made a motion to continue the hearing on 36 Saw Mill Lane at the applicant’s request, seconded by Mr. McGrath. UA

51 Lancaster Rd- *Request for Determination of Applicability from Giovanny Dornelas for the addition of paved area and removal of trees within 100 feet of a bordering vegetated wetland in response to an enforcement letter. (RDA 2015-01)*

Giovanny Dornelas was present for the hearing. He explained his situation and how he was not aware of the Conservation Commission’s jurisdiction over his property prior to him completing the work.

Agent O’Connell commented that she recommended that the applicant hire a civil engineer to come up with a plan for stormwater management. She also recommends a replanting plan for native species.

Rob Brock, an abutter, commented that it is confusing because the houses were built by the stream. He mentioned the most recent property built within the wetlands on Leominster. He added that is it hard to know what the laws are, and that Mr. Dornelas has cleaned up a mess on his property.

Mr. Civian commented that the Conservation Commission is working on improving their rules and regulations so that they are easier to understand.

Michelle Brock confirmed with the Commission that they were reviewing 11 Leominster when they noticed the work that was done at 51 Lancaster Rd.

Mr. Civian asked Mr. Dornelas to work on locating a civil engineer that he could hire by the next meeting and receive an estimate from them.

Mr. Civian made a motion to continue the hearing on 51 Lancaster Rd until the January 22nd meeting, seconded by Mr. McGrath. UA

17 Maverick Street- *response to enforcement letter*

The property owner, Glen McMahon was present for the discussion. He informed the Commission that he has cleaned it all up.

Mr. Civian responded that the Commission will need to take another look to confirm.

8:21 PM: 100 Rustcraft Rd. – *Minor Modification for installation of a temporary cell tower with underground utility connections.*

Tony Donato was present from Bohler Engineering for the discussion.

Agent O’Connell commented that she believes this is only a minor modification.

Mr. Gorden asked what they plan to do if they come across groundwater. Mr. Donato responded that they do not expect to come across water this time of year, but if so they can use a holding tank.

Mr. Civian made a motion to approve the minor modification for a period of 6 months, seconded by Ms. Bugay. UA

8:35 PM: After Hours Drain Service- *Informal general discussion of the use of a floating excavator for work within the wetland jurisdiction of the Commission*

Thomas Prall, Owner of After Hours Drain Service was present for the discussion. He was looking for feedback as to whether the floating excavator would be useful within wetland areas and if there were special permitting requirements for its potential use. The Commission was not opposed to the idea but wanted more information on the comparison of the impact of this machine entering the wetland vs. a normal machine’s entrance.

8:59 PM: 62 Abbott Rd- *Stormwater Management Permit Application from Kevin Castellanos and Sons for an addition to the home and relocation of driveway (SWP # 2015-01*)

Mr. Civian made a motion to continue the discussion on 62 Abbott Rd until January 22nd, seconded by Ms. Bugay. UA

9:00 PM: 480 Sprague St. – *Request for a Stormwater Certificate of Compliance for SWP 2014-10.*

Mr. Civian made a motion to issue a Stormwater Certificate of Compliance for SWP 2014-10 as recommended by Agent O’Connell, seconded by Mr. McGrath. UA

9:05 PM: Mr. McGrath made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Bugay. UA