

Lincoln Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes – June 8, 2016

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Peter Von Mertens, Jim Henderson, Richard Selden, Ari Kurtz, Christine Dugan, Ron Chester **STAFF PRESENT:** Tom Gumbart, Angela Kearney

CONSERVATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Tom Gumbart and Angela Kearney are coordinating Jet Aviation compliance and a site visit is scheduled for next Tuesday, June 14th at 8am. Compliance from Community Builders for restoration planting along the solar installation at Farm Meadow is ongoing. Tom Gumbart will prepare a letter regarding the work. There will be a conservation coffee at town Offices on Thursday, June 9th. The Carroll School submitted a wetlands delineation for their recently-acquired purchase of the McDowell property in Wayland. The DeNormandie family will appear before the Planning Board on June 14th. Tom Gumbart forwarded a previously-written memo regarding a common driveway off of Old Winter Street with 3 buildable lots. Tom Gumbart attended a workshop in Newton to discuss regional collaboration on NPDES MS permitting. The group will continue to meet and Tom is communicating with Tim Higgins to schedule an educational presentation in Lincoln in the coming weeks.

CONSERVATION PLANNER'S REPORT

Angela Kearney welcomed Christine Dugan and Ronald Chester as the two newest Commissioners. Angela Kearney is particularly busy coordinating the 2017 Open Space and Recreation Plan Update. The Advisory Group had their first meeting on May 26th and will be working with a consultant between July and December to complete the plan.

WETLANDS FILINGS

7:45pm Notice of Intent. Christopher Boit. 61 Bedford Rd (134-16-0)

The applicant and representative submitted a revised restoration plan as discussed during the last hearing. Several trees were relocated outside the viewshed between the house and Bedford Road. Wetland vegetation is re-establishing nicely and soils are stabilized.

Additional Conditions requested by the Commission include:

- The existing well shall be cleaned and closed for safety
- Invasive-species management within the wetland resource area shall be done by hand or machine with prior authorization from the ConCom and LLCT during dry periods.
- In areas where managing for invasives, mowing before July 15th is allowable. Once invasives are under control, the field shall be mowed after July 15th. An early cut in late April/early May is allowed
- The Order of Conditions shall be valid for a 5-year period. An annual report with photographs outlining work that was done and current condition shall be submitted to the Conservation Department in the fall each year

The Commission **voted 6-0** to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions allowing work to proceed. Initial work may proceed prior to issuance of the OOC.

8:30pm Notice of Intent. Adam Sadowick. 233 Old Concord Rd

Peter Von Mertens opened the hearing with a Notice of Intent for tree 'topping' in the wetland resource area without a permit. Dave Burke, wetland specialist represented the applicant with a Notice of Intent and site plan describing the existing conditions on the property and jurisdictional areas. He stated that the red maples were historically cut and were re-cut approximately 15-feet up from the ground. The trees are currently regenerating and the understory is thriving with a diversity of native vegetation.

The Commission requested the following information:

- The applicant and representative shall submit an invasive species management plan, which includes an inventory of non-native invasive species and management strategy for each invasive species.
- A plan and construction details for (2) osprey or eagle platforms shall be submitted, including a nest cam.

Special Conditions requested by the Commission include:

- The applicant shall allow the red maples to re-generate and, over time, select several leaders to grow into established trees.
- The applicant shall install (2) concrete bounds where the 120-foot contour intersects with the north and south property boundaries. They shall install (2) iron pins where the 120-foot contour intersects with the post and rail fence.

- The applicant shall host a neighborhood coffee to discuss the rules and regulations pertaining to the wetlands protection act, wetlands bylaw, conservation restriction, and procedures for communicating with and receiving a permit from the Conservation Commission prior to doing work.

The Commission conducted a site visit on Wednesday, June 8, 2016.
Materials Reviewed during the meeting: Site Plan dated May 5, 2016

The Commission **voted 6-0** to continue the hearing to June 29th at 7:45pm.

8:30pm Notice of Intent. Tom Bucknall. 80 Tower Road

Tom Bucknall, applicant and Dave Burke, wetland resource specialist attended the hearing with a Notice of Intent for construction of a new home and associated landscape activities within the Buffer Zone Resource Area. Peter Von Mertens noted that the project includes removal of a lot of dumped debris and demolition an existing, single-family home. The applicant proposed a significant amount of work in the 50-foot buffer zone, but expects it to be an improvement from the existing condition.

Richard Selden expressed concern regarding the amount of proposed impervious surface directly adjacent to the 50-foot Buffer Zone. Jim Henderson noted that it is a tight site to work, and wanted to better understand what the final treatment of the back yard will be. Tom Gumbart noted that there is an opportunity to place a deed restriction or conservation restriction on the property. The Commission encouraged the applicant to work on a planting plan, sheet flow and drainage into a rain garden off the north side of the driveway, and explore opportunities to pull the house and permanent disturbance farther from the 50-foot Buffer Zone Resource Area.

Special Conditions requested by the Commission include:

- Add an erosion control barrier at the top of the lower retaining wall.
- Once excavation of trash and debris is done and sub-grades are established, a construction fence shall be installed at a 10 to 15 foot offset from the back of the house.

The Commission conducted a site visit on Wednesday, June 8, 2016. Materials Reviewed during the meeting: Site Plan dated May 25, 2016, Civil Site Plan dated May 11, 2016, Required Tables and Checklist.

The Commission **voted 6-0** to continue the hearing to June 29th at 8:15pm. Features on the property shall be staked in the field for a second site visit. The applicant shall prepare a planting plan for all areas within the 100-foot Buffer Zone, revise the plan to remove drainage from the 50-foot Buffer Zone, explore options for moving the house and/or driveway farther away from the 50-foot Buffer Zone, explore feasibility and willingness to place a deed or conservation restriction and permanent fence or boundary at a mutually agreed upon line inside the 50-foot Buffer Zone.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Sub-Committee & Liason Reports
- Other Reports & Announcements

ACTION ITEMS

- The Commission **voted 6-0** to re-authorize the charge of the Leaf Blower Sub-Committee
- Bills Paid and Payroll Signed

Respectfully Submitted,
Angela Kearney, Conservation Planner