

Lincoln Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes – May 30, 2018

Start – 7:00 pm

End – 9:00 pm

Commissioners present – Peter von Mertens, Christine Dugan, Ari Kurtz, Larry Buell

Staff present – Tom Gumbart, Jennifer Curtin

CONSERVATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Conservation staff went on 3.4-mile Wednesday Walk through Ogilvie Woods and gave a presentation to the LEAP program today.

Valley Pond is looking to file a new Notice of Intent. Gretchen Covino and an SWCA representative came in today to talk with Conservation Staff regarding the project.

Amanda Smith and Ryan Mola have been hired as seasonal staff. Amanda will map stormwater system in town and Ryan will help field crew with invasives control, trail maintenance, and mowing.

Kurt MacLaurin has been appointed as an associate member of the Conservation Commission by the Selectmen.

Conservation Staff as well as three Commissioners met today with Douglas Adams who is proposing changes to a project that was permitted last year based on a rough plan. Mr. Adams would like to reorient the house from the approved plan to come closer to direct solar south. He also wants to cut three groups of large pine trees in addition to those permitted as well as changing the grade from what was on the original plan. Peter von Mertens says that the commission should take another look at an official site visit, possibly ask for an amended Order of Conditions, and ensure that a permanent trail will be established. Conservation Staff would build the trail and the necessary wetland crossing but the new homeowners at the Adams property would need to pay for screening from the trail for the Frazier's as well as for themselves.

WETLANDS

7:30 p.m. - Notice of Intent: Historic New England. 38 Codman Road (161-22-0). For septic upgrades.

Attendees – Paul Carey (Samiotes), Kurt Bagley (Historic New England)

Peter von Mertens opened the meeting. Paul Carey, the engineer, presented the project. The project is to upgrade the waste water management systems on the property. One cesspool will be abandoned and the lines capped. Another cesspool will be abandoned but they plan to keep the sewer live next to the Codman House. The Carriage House septic will be abandoned in place. The bottom will be ruptured and filled with sand, and the leech field will also be abandoned in place. Plumbing will be revamped in the carriage house. An E1 grinder pump station will be installed behind the carriage house to be fed into the main system. The granite stairs will be protected. Mr. von Mertens said that the Commission wants guarantees that flow will not move through the wall, which may require a barrier. There has been a lot of testing at other spots on the property and the planned spot is the only location it can go. It will be required of the contractor to make sure the system is ventilated properly. The Commission **voted 4-0** to approve the project and issue an order of conditions with the following attached conditions:

- Stockpiled materials must be beyond 100 feet buffer and must be stabilized and covered if in place for more than 24 hours.
- Add silt fence around straw wattles surrounding/adjacent to the proposed leach field.
- Trees in work zone should be protected.
- Limit of driving/staging area should be in place.
- Conservation will be in contact with the contractor at which time storage location of materials will be determined as well as direct removal sites.
- Excavation sequencing and stockpiling locations must be provided

Sudbury River Abutters Meeting

Most of those homeowners invited were in attendance. A summary of the meeting will be written up by Tom Gumbart and sent out to everyone along river. A formal policy will be developed at the next meeting.

School Building Committee Update

Christine Dugan attended the meeting tonight. June 9th meeting there will be five school designs presented. Town Meeting will choose one preferred option to move ahead with. The Commission would allow building within the 50-foot buffer zone if Conservation can gain control of parking area. Stormwater management will require outflows. Water must be treated somehow before it enters streams, tree plantings should happen, invasives must be controlled, and perhaps install rain gardens. This will add into NPDES MS4 as this will help to reduce phosphorus entering into Charles River watershed. Another concern is Net Zero. C design is achievable in building. Others will require solar to get to bylaw level of 80-85%.

SUB-COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS

Agricultural Subcommittee – Want to meet with Codman to determine what is being done on all lands. Cattle are at Mt. Misery. More plantings have been done at Far Meadow for Virginia creeper with Lincoln Sudbury students.

Leaf blower Subcommittee – The Subcommittee has come up with a draft bylaw. They still need to decide whether or not to specify decibel max.

OTHER

Bike etiquette signs will be made up. Ari Kurtz will work on wording and context.

Bockoven property planting will happen soon. Tom Gumbart and Jim Henderson will work on the plan with the homeowner.

ACTIONS

- Order of Conditions issued for Lee's Bridge Path Project
- Order of Conditions issued for 319 South Great Road
- Meeting minutes from May 9th approved
- Bills paid and payroll signed

Respectfully Submitted,

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