

Lincoln Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes - June 12, 2019

Start – 7:00 pm
End – 8:45 pm

Commissioners Present: Peter von Mertens, Jim Henderson, Susan Hall Mygatt, Christine Dugan, Ari Kurtz
Staff Present: Jennifer Curtin, Tom Gumbart

CONSERVATION DIRECTOR’S REPORT

The last Conservation Coffee until the fall will be held on June 13 at the Gropius House.

Conservation staff, Jennifer Curtin and Stacy Carter will be attending a Wetland Delineation course offered by MACC.

Emma Coates, our new Land Steward, is working well with our Land Manager, Stacy Carter. They are in the middle of a busy field season and they continue to work outdoors in all weather conditions.

A summer worker for field work has been hired and there are plans to hire another seasonal person to assist with water chestnut harvesting.

A draft license agreement has been sent to MBTA/Keolis with regards to the railroad access road issue but we have not yet had a response.

WETLANDS

7:30 – Request for Determination of Applicability: Sheahan. 219 Concord Road. (173-57-0) – This request is for the construction of an attached mudroom, an awning over the steps of the main entrance, and a second floor deck in the buffer zone.

The homeowner, Michael Sheahan, presented at the hearing. The owners propose the following additions to their existing dwelling: (1) an attached mudroom, at ground level, of approximately 104 square feet on the western side of the house, (2) an attached roof to cover the steps over the main entrance on the eastern side, and (3) a second floor deck of approximately 215 square feet on the western side.

The area where the proposed construction is located is on a stone patio and gravel walkway located outside of wetlands but within the 50-100 foot buffer zone resource area. The wetlands delineation did not find bordering vegetated wetland beyond the bank of the perennial stream the runs along the northern and western property borders.

There will be limited excavation and there will be no on-site stockpiling of materials, therefore no sedimentation controls should be required. No trees or vegetation will be disturbed during construction. The Commission requires the installation of a gutter to pipe to a drywell system for managing stormwater runoff from the roof.

Conditions:

- Prior to installation, the applicant will submit a plan of the final proposed drainage system to staff for approval

The Commission voted 5-0 to close the hearing and issue a negative Determination of Applicability. Since the next meeting of the Commission will not be for 4 weeks, the applicant agreed to extend until July 10, 2019 the date on which the Commission is required to issue its Determination of Applicability.

8:00 – Notice of Intent: Hill. 19 Warbler Springs Road (186-13-0) – This project is for the construction of a garage with a grass paver drive-up and drip edge infiltration drainage in the buffer zone.

Attendees: Nick Maynard, Bob Hill, Dave Burke

The Project is for the construction of permeable paver driveway extension to a new 4-car, 988 square foot garage. The planned garage would be 58 feet from the closest corner to the wetland and 60 feet to the driveway edge from the wetland. There will be no substantial grading. The project is within riverfront as well as buffer zone resource areas. Mr. von Mertens said that it seems like there are other alternatives that move the project further from the wetland and inquired if it would be possible to add onto the existing garage. Mr. Hill said that he wants this garage separate so the cars will be protected. Mr. Maynard said that there is a potential to move the proposed structure into the yard more but that would lose more yard. Mr. von Mertens said that the sloping contour would be an issue for stormwater management and construction. Mr. Henderson agreed that construction will be difficult with this plan as a large amount of cutting will need to take place and the slope will be unstable. He added that angling the structure away from the slope could help the issue. Mr. Maynard said that they had considered an L-shaped structure but that would also be an issue with the steep grade. He said that they had also considered putting the garage on the other side of the house but they would need to do another curb cut to put the garage on the other side of the house which the Planning Board often does not like. Mr. Kurtz mentioned rotating the structure 90 degrees. Mr. Gumbart said there are many alternatives to explore and this will require some redesigning. Mr. Maynard said they will bring in some alternatives to the next hearing and they will conduct a soil test to determine the type of soil there.

The Commission voted 5-0 to continue the hearing to July 10, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mowing has taken place too early in the season on the Boit Conservation Restriction property. Mr. Henderson said that if you do not mow the poison ivy early it gets too established. Mr. von Mertens will speak with Buzz Constable and Mr. Boit regarding the issue.

Mr. Kurtz presented information from a deer workshop he attended. He inquired if the Commission would be interested in funding a study on the local deer population. The Agricultural Commission is interested in the issue. Bow hunting is being used in some surrounding towns. Ms. Dugan said that it does not seem that hunting is a humane solution and it may be a situation where sterilization and birth control methods could be utilized. Mr. von Mertens inquired as to the next steps for the Conservation Commission. Mr. Gumbart said that the Agricultural Commission can make a presentation to the Conservation Commission.

Beaver have continued to be an issue around Town so the beaver deceivers need to be re-established in several places.

ACTION ITEMS

- Certificate of Compliance for Adams Property (137-21-0) DEP#203-0911 issued
- Order of Conditions for Todd Pond #203-0925 issued
- Order of Conditions for Farrar Pond #203-0926 issued
- Order of Conditions for 1 Meadowbrook Road Issued
- Amended Order of Conditions for Minuteman Technical High School #203-0907 issued
- Determination of Applicability for Lincoln Schools issued
- Bills Paid and Payroll signed

Respectfully Submitted,

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