

Lincoln Conservation Commission (LCC) - Public Meeting Minutes

March 30, 2022

Approved: April 20, 2022

Members Present: Ari Kurtz (Chair), Amber Carr, Becca Fasciano, Susan Hall Mygatt, Laura Regrut, Richard Selden and Kathleen Shepard

Conservation Staff: Michele Grzenda, Conservation Director; Stacy Carter, Conservation Planner

*This Public meeting was held virtually, pursuant to Senate Bill # 2475,  
Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law*

7:00 p.m. – Discussion Items

- Approve Meeting Minutes from March 9, 2022: - Motion by Ms. Mygatt to approve; seconded by Ms. Carr; roll call vote: each member responded Aye.
- Staffing updates – Ryan Brown, Land Steward, has been promoted to Land Manager (awaiting BoS appointment at an upcoming meeting). The Land Steward position will be modified slightly and become a Land Steward/Ranger position (Tuesday-Saturday work schedule). Ms. Grzenda hopes to post that posting later in the week. LLCT and LCD are in the process of interviewing and hiring 2 seasonal staff.
- Twin Pond Conservation Restriction (CR) Discussion -The City of Cambridge has drafted 2 CRs which will be held by the Conservation Commission; Ms. Mygatt provided feedback on the draft documents. Once EEA has reviewed and provided comments, the staff will bring it back to the Conservation Commission for review.
- Trail Use Discussion Updates- we will be pushing off our public forum on proposed trail use rules and regulations until May.

7:10 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_ Notice of Intent: 104 Concord Road; N. Feinberg (owner); S. McCarthy (Solitude Lake Management).

This Notice of Intent was filed for the management of invasive Eurasian watermilfoil (aquatic plant) in the pond at 104 Concord Road. Specifically, the Applicant has requested to apply ProcellaCOR (florpyrauxifen-benzyl), a chemical treatment targeted at milfoil. The Lincoln Pond Management Policy (adopted May 9, 2018) requires that the following information be submitted by the Applicant as a “Pond Management Plan” along with a Notice of Intent filing: (1) Pond Characteristics; (2) Details Concerning the Species to be Targeted; (3) History of Past Remediation Efforts; (4) Evaluation of Potential Non-Herbicidal Remediations; and (5) Requested Remediations. Treatment would occur in May or June and the outlet would be blocked for 2 days to ensure the chemical remains in the pond to increase its efficacy.

Dr. Selden requested more health and safety information about ProcellaCOR. He suggested that more detailed information from the medical literature and scientific literature be submitted to the Commission. Dr. Selden found only one report from the European Commission; but perhaps there is more. Dr. Selden asks that the Applicant review the literature, attach the papers, and provide their assessment of the papers for the Commission to review.

Ms. Carr inquired about where the chemical would be diluted for use. Mr. McCarthy indicated that Solitude would mix the solution while on a boat on the pond, and that pond water would be used to dilute the chemical to the recommended concentration. Ms. Carr suggested that a special condition be added to require that a spill kit be available on the boat. Ms. Carr expressed concerns about the use of pond water vs. tap water, as pond water may

reduce the efficacy of the chemical. Both Ms. Carr and the Applicant will investigate this. The Commission would like the Applicant to report their findings and proposed treatment schedule annually.

The Applicant has agreed to a continuance and will provide the Commission with the requested additional information. Motion by Ms. Mygatt to continue until 7:25 p.m. on April 20<sup>th</sup>; seconded by Ms. Carr; roll call vote: each member responded Aye.

7:55 p.m. Notice of Intent: 131 Weston Road; (DEP #203-946) , B. Dangel (Applicant); L. Muskat, (Landscape Architect); H. Dane (Attorney, represents the owner of the property).

This Notice of Intent was filed for the construction of two new additions and a second story to an existing garage within the 200-ft Riverfront Area (RFA) at 131 Weston Road. The lot is encircled by an unnamed perennial stream that projects Riverfront Area onto the site, and there are also wetlands and Buffer Zone surrounding the property. The property includes Outstanding Resource Waters (ORW) that lead to the Cambridge Reservoir. This parcel contains a house, large horse barn, detached garage, gatehouse, horse stables and associated landscaping and driveways (all constructed under a 1995 OOC which was issued before the RFA standards existed)

Garage additions are proposed on the north and south faces of the garage, with two egress stairways proposed in the rear. The northern addition, part of the southern addition and the egress stairways are all within the RFA. Much of the work would occur on existing impervious surface (current driveway). None of the proposed changes are within the Inner Riparian Zone (100-ft). Much of the work would occur within degraded areas area and only 160 s.f. is proposed on lawn/landscaped area.

The Conservation Director reviewed the Performance Standards for Redevelopment in Riverfront Area: Section 10.58(5). The regulations require that projects result in an improvement over existing condition. Furthermore, 320 sq.ft. of mitigation is required under 10.58(5) since the Applicant is proposing to increase impervious by 160 sq.ft. As such, the Applicant proposes to restore 400 sq.ft. of existing lawn and landscaping area to natural conditions with native plantings. The Commission asked that the restoration plan be submitted to the Conservation Department Staff prior to start of work for review and approval.

Motion by Ms. Mygatt to close the hearing; seconded by Dr. Selden; roll call vote: each member responded Aye. Motion by Ms. Mygatt to approve the issuance of an OOC with the standard conditions as well as the conditions discussed; seconded by Ms. Shepard, roll call vote: each member responded Aye.

8:34 p.m. Request for Minor Plan Change: 4 Minebrook Road; (DEP #203-920) D. Howe (landscape architect) A. DeNormandie and S. Shah (Owner and Applicant).

This Request for Minor Plan Change has been submitted for an Order of Conditions (DEP#203-920) that was issued in October 2018. The work has proceeded as approved and is in the final stages of completion. The Applicant has requested the following minor changes to the existing OOC: (1) installation of woody and perennial plants along Minebrook Road using natives and native cultivars; (2) replacement of the existing post & rail fence along the Trapelo Road property line; (3) extension of the post & rail fence to delineate the yard edge, from the existing Trapelo Road fence down to the Minebrook Road right of way; and (4) conversion of a small area adjacent to the driveway from lawn to a Belgian-block paved vehicular pull-off.

The two proposed plantings beds (725sq.ft total) would flank the driveway and would be within the Inner Riparian Zone (0-100ft). These plants would be installed by hand, and Applicant would place straw wattle around the Minebrook Road catch basin to prevent sediment from entering the basin. The Applicant states that, while the original permitted plan shows a large area in front of the house's old garage paved in asphalt, approximately 1100

sq.ft. of existing permitted asphalt was removed. Therefore, the proposed Belgian-block pull-out would not increase the impermeable area already permitted. A straw wattle would be placed around the construction area to trap sediment. It was the Commission's option that the proposed work will not impact the wetland resource areas. Motion by Ms. Shepard to approve the work as a minor plan change; seconded by Ms. Fasciano; roll call vote: each member responded Aye.

8:55 p.m. — 216 Concord Road Informal Discussion

Eileen McCrory, owner, would like to know what kind of permitting is needed for the installation of geothermal wells, the removal of an old wooden retaining wall, and potential grading changes at 216 Old Concord Rd. The Commission was amenable to the Applicant submitting an NOI based on a sketch showing the locations of the nearby wetlands (delineated by a wetland scientist) and the proposed work area, so long as the work would be at least 50-feet from the wetland edge. The Applicant was encouraged to work with a landscape architect and show the proposed changes to the landscaped/retaining wall area. Staff can help the owner file the paperwork.

Notice of Buffer Zone Violation – 26 Old Winter Street

Ms. Grzenda informed the Commission that Conservation Staff observed landscaping and driveway installation work occurring without a permit. The owners were told to stop work and Ms. Grzenda will issue an Enforcement Order this week.

9:30 p.m. — Executive Session: Possible Land Acquisition

Motion by Ms. Fasciano to enter executive session under #6 – to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property. Furthermore, the Commission will not reconvene in open session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mygatt; roll call vote: each member responded Aye.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.