



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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MINUTES OF September 12, 2017 CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

Present: Robert Rocha
Everett Philla
Heidi Pelletier
Marc Brodeur
Evelyn Bouley

Absent:
Ted Cioper

Merilee Kelly, Agent
Christine Lagasse, Senior Clerk

I. Meeting called to Order at 6:00 P.M.

II. Minutes for approval:

August 22, 2017 - A motion was made by Heidi Pelletier to approve the minutes of August 22. The motion was seconded by Marc Brodeur. Motion passed 5-0.

III. Meeting Mail:

Eversource RE: Natural Gas Main Relay

Robert Rocha read and reviewed letter with the Commission.

IV. Appointments: (none)

V. **Old Business:**

There is still an opening on the Commission for a new member; anyone interested should send a letter of interest to either the Selectmen or Conservation Agent Merilee Kelly.

VI. **New Business:**

RDA – Macedo / 8 Andy's Court – A Request for Determination of Applicability was filed by David Macedo for property located at 8 Andy's Court, Map 9, Lot(s) 31F. The applicant proposes to construct an addition to existing home and is within the 100 foot buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. The applicant would like to know whether the work depicted on plan(s) referenced is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act.

Agent Kelly commented on the project saying it is a straight forward project that will be adding an addition to the existing home on an existing wall, and will be adding to the footprint of the home. She also mentioned it is approximately 50 feet from the wetlands, and is uphill from the wetlands. Agent Kelly said some erosion control would need to be used and there are already hay bales in place. Robert Rocha asked Mr. Macedo to clarify a part of the plan where the addition was drawn in. Mr. Macedo answered questions that Mr. Rocha had regarding the plan.

Mr. Rocha mentioned to Mr. Macedo that at the site visit he noticed logs and grass clippings being used as fill to build up part of the backyard. Mr. Rocha explained to Mr. Macedo that cannot continue to happen.

A motion to issue a negative determination with the condition that any stockpiling needed will be in the front of the house was made by Everett Philla and was seconded by Evelyn Bouley. Motion passes 5-0.

RDA – Estate of Leo Rousseau / 130 Peckham Road – A Request for Determination of Applicability was filed by the Estate of Leo Rousseau for property located at 130 Peckham Road, Map 16, Lot 42. The applicant proposes to repair the septic system for the existing residence, with new leaching facility located within the 100 foot buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland. Plan name "Subsurface Sewage Disposal System", plan dated 8/28/17.

Rick Charon of Charon Associates stated he tried to tie into the sewer line on Peckham Road, but could not as it is restricted access. Mr. Charon stated that the soil conditions on the property are very poor, and mucky. A sieve analysis was done because the water table is high and with mucky soils, the property will not perk by conventional means. A soil sample was sent to a lab to get grain size analysis. The project will be a 1,000 square foot system that will also require a pump chamber.

During the site visit Mr. Rocha saw that some greenbrier is covering the wall in back and part of the backyard. Mr. Charon said some brush will need to be cut down. Agent also questioned why dosing tank is being used. Mr. Charon responded by saying he needed to raise the back by an additional 12 inches to give better height to the system.

A motion to issue a negative determination was made by Marc Brodeur and was seconded by Everett Philla. Motion passes 5-0.

COC – Wynn / 115 Quaker Lane (SE001-0277) – A Certificate of Compliance was filed by David D. Wynn for property located at 115 Quaker Lane, Map 5, Lot(s) 10C, sub-lot 2. The applicant proposed to construct a single family dwelling within the 100 foot buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland. Plan name “Sewage System Plan”, plan dated 1/12/01.

Agent Kelly stated the site visit on September 9, 2017 indicated the project was complete and everything was all grown in and looked great. Mr. Rocha was also at the site visit and concurred that the project was complete.

A motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance was made by Evelyn Bouley and was seconded by Heidi Pelletier. Motion passes 5-0.

Agent Updates:

Agent Kelly went to Mr. Arruda property today on Peckham Road as a neighbor called regarding stockpiling. Mr. Arruda explained to Agent Kelly it was NSTAR that was using the space in front of the property making the piles as they are doing work on Peckham Road. Agent Kelly feels that NSTAR will clean-up the stockpiles once their project is complete, and she will keep up on the issue of the stockpiles.

Mattapoisett Road and North Main Street projects are now in progress.

The Commission was updated by Agent Kelly on the Pollinator Garden. Most of the butterflies are now gone for the season. There are still some bees there but not that many. Agent Kelly stated the garden really could use some help in pulling weeds. Mr. Rocha recommended if there are some boy scouts that need community service hours that would be an option for getting some help. The dogwood trees on the corners of the garden are suffering and need to be pulled out of the garden. They are getting too much hot sun.

VII. Future Business:

- The next meeting of the Conservation Commission will be on Tuesday, September 26, 2017

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

A motion to adjourn was made by Evelyn Bouley. The motion was seconded by Heidi Pelletier. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Lagasse, Senior Clerk
Acushnet Conservation Commission

Minutes Approved:

Heidi Pelletier
Robert C. Ruff
Evelyn Bouley
Mark Boudreau

Date: 9-26-17