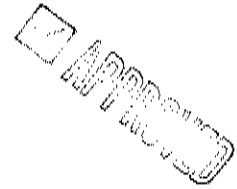


ANDOVER CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
JULY 2, 2019

Town of Andover
36 Bartlet Street
3rd Floor Conference Room
7:46PM



Conservation Members in Attendance:

Chairman Donald Cooper, Vice Chairman Kevin Porter, Commissioner Tom Brady, Commissioner Ellen Townson, and Commissioner Jon Honea. Staff members present were Robert Douglas, Conservation Director and Ben Meade Conservation Agent.

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

66 Bailey Road

Present in Interest: Tania Higgins

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Public Meeting on a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by **Tania Higgins** under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, § 40 and/or the Andover Wetlands Protection By-law, Article XIV, for proposed construction of a 10'x20' shed on a concrete slab at **66 Bailey Road**.

Mr. Meade presented this to the Commission. The filing is under the WPA only for the construction of a 10'x20 shed. The shed will be placed on an area that is currently lawn. The closest point of this project to the wetland is 80 feet. The area will be accessed on the side of the house furthest from the wetland and snow fence will be erected as the limit of work. After completion of the shed, the existing wooden fence encircling the pool will be extended around the shed.

Chairman Cooper asked for a Motion. Vice Chairman Porter made a Motion to approve as Pos.2b, Neg.3; it was seconded by Commissioner Townson and unanimously approved.

15 Farrwood Drive

Present in Interest: Monica Farcas

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Public Meeting on a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by **Monica Farcas** under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, § 40 and/or the Andover Wetlands Protection By-law, Article XIV, for proposed construction of a 30'x22' deck at **15 Farrwood Drive**.

Mr. Meade presented this to the Commission. The filing is under the WPA only for the construction of a 30'x22' deck over an area of maintained lawn. The closest point of this project to the wetland is 75 feet. Due to the distance to the wetland from the proposed project, a limit of work boundary in the form of a snow fence or erosion control boundary of straw wattles or silt fence is acceptable.

Vice Chairman Porter asked how the area would be accessed. Mr. Meade informed the Commission that access would be on the side of the house furthest from the wetland.

Chairman Cooper asked for a Motion. Vice Chairman Porter made a Motion to approve as Pos.2b, Neg.3; it was seconded by Commissioner Townson and unanimously approved.

141-143 Abbot Street

Present in Interest: Mark Connolly

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Public Meeting on a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by **Girls Scouts of Eastern MA** under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, § 40 and/or the Andover Wetlands Protection By-law, Article XIV, for proposed beach maintenance at **141-143 Abbot Street**.

Mr. Douglas presented this to the Commission. The application is to refresh the beach with new sand within the footprint of the existing beach which has eroded over time. They will also be removing debris from the beach prior to bringing in the sand. We have received the specs on the clean sand. This is considered a maintenance project.

Chairman Cooper asked if there was a concern about LUWB. Mr. Douglas informed the Commission that this is replacement in kind where sand has historically been placed.

Mark Connolly informed the Commission that it has been a number of years since the sand was refreshed at the beach.

Commissioner Honea asked where the sand was coming from. Mark Connolly stated that they are working on that and will be bringing in 47 cubic yards all according the specs provided.

Commissioner Townson asked if there were any invasive plants being removed. Mark Connolly stated that there are none, only work within the beach area is to be done.

Vice Chairman Porter asked how the debris is being removed. Mark Connolly informed the Commission that they would be raking the dead leaves etc. so the new sand will be placed on a clean area.

Chairman Cooper asked for a Motion. Vice Chairman Porter made a Motion to approve as Pos.2b, Neg.3; it was seconded by Commissioner Townson and unanimously approved.

6 Carter Lane

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Public Meeting on a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by **Manjot Singh Deol** under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, § 40 and/or the Andover Wetlands Protection By-law, Article XIV, for proposed extension of the existing deck at **6 Carter Lane**.

Mr. Douglas presented the project to the Commission. The filing is under the WPA only for the expansion of the existing deck. There will be some excavation to bring the footings up to code. Portions of the existing hot tub will be removed and the deck will be placed in an area that is currently impervious. Staff will field locate the sedimentation controls and/or limit of work. An updated plan showing the dimensions of the expansion and distance to the wetland was received prior to the meeting.

Chairman Cooper asked for a Motion. Vice Chairman Porter made a Motion to approve as Pos.2b, Neg.3; it was seconded by Commissioner Townson and unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS:

0 Osgood Street/Parcel 200-5

Vote to approve the conveyance of Parcel 200-5/0 Osgood Street to the Conservation Commission.

This is the property owned by Raytheon they are looking to donate to the Conservation Commission as part of the mitigation for the Enforcement Order issued. There is a beaver pond in the middle of the parcel and the Commission owns the property on either side, the Hearthstone Reservation. Chairman Cooper stated that the 21E report came back clean. Staff believes this will be a great addition to the Hearthstone Reservation.

Vice Chairman Porter made a Motion to approve the conveyance of the parcel; it was seconded by Commissioner Townson and unanimously approved.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes

Approval of Minutes from June 18, 2019. **Tabled**

DISCUSSION ITEMS/ LATE ITEMS:

Eagle Scout Project

Present in Interest: Mark Burgess and Bob DeCelle

Approval of Mark Burgess's Eagle Scout Project at Merrimack River Trail.

There are 2 bridges without railings that span over water which are unsafe. The bridges are now slippery due to the age of the bridges. One bridge is about 40 feet long and the other is 25 feet long. He will be replacing the bridges and constructing 3 rails for each. Most cutting will be done off site and any other cutting will be done on a tarp to minimize sawdust. Commissioner Honea asked if the railings would be attached to the bridges. Mark stated that the railings would be attached to a 2x6 on the bridge and not touch the water.

Vice Chairman Porter made a Motion to approve the project; it was seconded by Commissioner Townson and unanimously approved.

24R Pomeroy Road

Present in Interest: Frank MacMillan and John Cavanaugh

Update on the Enforcement Order issued asking the property owner either remove the stone wall or file an application for permission to keep it. Mr. MacMillan has hired John Cavanaugh who is currently taking grades and reviewing the property. Chairman Cooper asked if this work was leading up to an application. Mr. Cavanaugh informed the Commission that he is working towards the filing of an application in time for the August 6th meeting. Commissioner Honea suggested there be a strong justification for building the wall in the water body as part of the application.

2020 Deer Hunt

Bob Douglas informed the Commission that he has consulted with the Deer Biologist and he recommends the continuance of the deer hunt program. Chairman Cooper asked if the deer harvest was making a difference. Commissioner Townson asked if the properties where hunting are allowed are updated on the website. The properties are updated prior to the beginning of the hunting season. Commissioner Honea asked if in the future the Commission would be asked to automatically approve the hunt. The hope is that this will happen next year.

Commissioner Townson made a Motion to approve the Deer Hunt for 2020; it was seconded by Commissioner Honea and unanimously approved.

Overseer Appointment

Appointment of Kathleen Grant.

Vice Chairman Porter made a Motion to Approve the Appointment; it was seconded by Commissioner Townson and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm by Motion of Commissioner Townson; seconded by Commissioner Honea and unanimously approved.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2019 at 7:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Lynn Viselli,
Recording Secretary**