ANDOVER CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 15, 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, Commissioner Jon Honca, Commissioner Alix Driscoll and
Commissioner Floyd Greenwood (7:55). Staff members present were Robert Douglas,
Conservation Director and Ben Meade Conservation Agent.

SCHEDULED ITEMS:
450 South Main Street
Present in Interest: Dana Altobello
Staff Recommendation: Approve

Public Meeting on a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Columbia Gas of 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 gas service connection at 450 South
Main Street.

Mr. Meade presented this to the Commission. The filing is under both the WPA and By-Law for
the installation of a 90 foot long natural gas service connection under South Main Street to this
residence. The wetland has been flagged and the proposed work is 50 feet from the resource
area. The work will be done via the open trench method with no soil stockpiles left overnight.
Work will only be conducted during dry weather.
Dana Altobello advised the Commission that the DPU stop work order does not apply to
residential projects, however this project will be submitted to DPU for their approval prior to
starting work.
The Commission added a Special Condition stating that they are not giving permission for any
other work that would need approval by DPU.

Chairman Cooper asked for a Motion. Commissioner Townson made a Motion to Approve as a
Pos.2b, Neg. 3 discussed; it was seconded by Commissioner Driscoll and unanimously approved.
192 Holt Road
Present in Interest: Joseph L. Howard
Staff Recommendation: Approve

Public Meeting on a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Joseph Howard 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 an addition at 192 Holt Road.

Mr. Meade presented this to the Commission. The filing is under the WPA only for the construction of a 10’x10’ addition on area that is currently a landscaped area. The closest point to the resource area is 65 feet. Access to the work area will be on the side of the house.

Chairman Cooper asked for a Motion. Commissioner Townsend made a Motion to Approve as a Pos.2b, Neg.3 as discussed; it was seconded by Commissioner Driscoll and unanimously approved.

109 Pine Street
Present in Interest: Jeffrey Hannaford
Staff Recommendation: Approve

Public Meeting on a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Joseph Erickson 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 detached garage and extension of the existing driveway at 109 Pine Street.

Mr. Meade presented this to the Commission. The filing is under the WPA only for the construction of a 26’x26’ detached garage. The size of the garage makes the garage applicable under the By-Law. The closest point to the resource area is 76 feet. The wetland is currently flagged. There will be some grading necessary for the construction of the garage. The proposed project meets the 50 feet setback under the By-Law.
Vice Chairman Porter expressed his concern about the runoff from the driveway extension and garage.
Jeff Hannaford informed the Commission that there will be 2 stone trenches around the drip edges of the garage and along the driveway along the property line.
Vice Chairman Porter asked to add the Dewatering Clause to the Special Conditions.
Chairman Cooper asked for a Motion. Vice Chairman Porter made a Motion to Approve as Pos.2b, Neg.3 as discussed; it was seconded by Commissioner Honea and unanimously approved.

**Dale Street Wastewater Pumping Station Improvement Project**

**39 Dale Street**

**Present in Interest:** Magdalena Loftstedt, Keith Saxon and Steve Golden

**Staff Recommendation:** Continue

Public Hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by the **Town of Andover** under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, § 40 and/or the Andover Wetlands Protection By-law, Article XIV, for the proposed replacement of the existing sewer ejector station with a new submersible waste water pump station, installation of approximately 400 linear feet of 3” diameter HDPE force main and remove the above ground structures of the existing pump station at **39 Dale Street**.

Mr. Douglas presented this to the Commission. This application is for the removal of the existing pump station which was installed in the 1950s and replaced with a pump station which will be further away from the River and will be closer to the paved portion of Dale Street. The new project will result in less than 70 square feet of impervious surface and about 3000 square feet of Riverfront will be altered and restored. The Inner Riparian 100 feet will not be altered. This is a redevelopment project and wastewater projects are exempt from the General Performance Standards (310CMR94) (a)).

They are also seeking a waiver for work within BLSF (310CMR10.57 (4)) as the project will not meet the performance standard for alteration in land subject to flooding. No alteration in the BVW is proposed. This project meets the Limited Project standards.

Magdalena Loftstedt presented the project to the Commission. The new pump station will include 3 new manhole covers, 2 submersible pumps and a force main to gravity feed to the sewer on Dale Street. It will have the same capacity as the existing pump station.

Elevation 64 is the floodplain. The land within the floodplain will be raised to make it level once the existing pump station is removed. This location is the least impactful placement. Once the equipment is removed, 375 cubic feet of compensatory flood storage will be provided. A total of 3800 cubic feet of disturbance in the floodplain is proposed.

Chairman Cooper asked if there was an area along the River where 3500 cubic feet could have compensatory flood storage.

Mr. Douglas suggested the removal of a cement pad be part of the project.

Commissioner Brady asked how the existing pump station would be abandoned. All of the equipment will be removed and fill used. The pipes will be cut and capped after being filled with gravel.
Commissioner Honea asked if the removal of the cement pad could be used towards the compensatory flood storage.
Keith Saxon inquired about the emergency back-up generator. He believes the pump station should be 3 feet above the 100 year flood plain. He inquired as to the storage capacity of the pump station and suggested plantings near the large gravel parking area.
Magdalena Lofstedt stated that the electrical pedestal will be 3 feet above the floodplain. The Commission asked if there was another place for compensatory storage.

Chairman Cooper asked for a Motion. At the Applicant’s request, Commissioner Townson made a Motion to continue to November 5, 2019; it was seconded by Commissioner Driscoll and unanimously approved.

15 Gould Road
Present in Interest: Dennis Griecce and Greg Pilla
Staff Recommendation: Continue to a date uncertain for peer review.

Public Hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by the 15 Gould Road, LLC under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, § 40 and/or the Andover Wetlands Protection By-law, Article XIV, for the construction of a single family home with barn, pool, sports court, grading, landscaping and utilities and a driveway crossing a portion of a wetland resource at 15 Gould Road.

Mr. Mcade presented this to the Commission. The application is under both the WPA and By-Law for earthwork, landscaping, utilities, septic system and driveway crossing over a wetland resource area. Setbacks under the By-Law are being met, but just barely in some cases, such as the barn is at the 50 foot no-build and the stone trench is barely outside the 25 foot no-disturb. To handle the flow of the intermittent stream, a 3’x2’ precast box is proposed under the driveway. Due to the wetland crossing, there will be permanent alteration of 545 square feet and temporary alteration of 410 square feet in the wetland resource area. Under the By-Law replication for BVW is 2:1, which would be 1150 square feet. Staff is requesting more information for the wetland replication.

Dennis Griecce presented the project to the Commission. The Applicant has received a variance from ZBA for the frontage on Gould Road. There is an existing paved driveway with a narrow crossing over the wetland. There is a 12” pipe connecting the wetlands. This is undersized and will be replaced with a 3’x5’ culvert. There will be a crushed stone infiltration trench along the side of the driveway. The driveway is 30’ from the wetland. Permanent boundaries will be placed at the wetland line.
Vice Chairman Porter asked if the elevations would be changed. Dennis Griecce responded that elevations will be matched to the existing.
Staff recommended a peer review of the wetland line and replication.

Chairman Cooper asked for a Motion. At the Applicant’s request, Vice Chairman Porter made a Motion to continue to a date uncertain; it was seconded by Commissioner Driscoll and unanimously approved.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

57 River Road - GLTS
Request for a one year Extension to the Order of Conditions.
Vice Chairman Porter made a Motion to Approve the one year extension; it was seconded by Commissioner Townsend and unanimously approved.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Minutes
Approval of Minutes from October 1, 2019.

Town of Andover Sewer Project
Present in Interest: Keith Saxon
Request for a Certificate of Compliance.

MBTA
Present in Interest: Keith Saxon
Request for a Certificate of Compliance.

192 Holt Road
Request for a Satisfactory Completion of Work Certificate.

1 Burtt Road
Request for a Certificate of Compliance.

Vice Chairman Porter made a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, it was seconded by Commissioner Driscoll and unanimously approved.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS/ LATE ITEMS:**

Overseer Appointment
Appointment of Linda Foley as an Overseer.
Commissioner Townsend made a Motion to approve; it was seconded by Commissioner Honea and unanimously approved.
Enforcement Order
Ratification of Enforcement Order issued for 17 Boston Road. The homeowner excavated their front yard next to a stream bed after Staff had advised they would need a permit to do any work. Sedimentation controls are in place.
Commissioner Driscoll made a Motion to ratify the Enforcement Order; it was seconded by Commissioner Greenwood.

Documents:
Dale Street
  • Plan entitled, “Dale Street Waste Water Pumping Station Improvements” dated 10/1/19
15 Gould Road
  • Plan entitled, “Site Plan 15 Gould Road” dated 9/26/19.
Minutes
  • Draft Minutes of October 1, 2019

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm by Motion of Commissioner Townson; seconded by Commissioner Driscoll and unanimously approved.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2019 at 8:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Viselli,
Recording Secretary