

**TOWN OF ACTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes
May 2, 2018
7:15 PM
TOWN HALL - 472 MAIN STREET
ROOM 204**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Terry Maitland, Amy Green, Jim Colman, Tim McKinnon, Jennifer Stolz, Paula Goodwin

Associate Commissioner: Sue Flint

RECORDING SECRETARY: Fran Portante

VISITORS: Kevin Ritchie, Richard A. Bruce, Greg Hutchins

7:15 Request for Determination of Applicability: 29 Alcott Street

Betty Ann Duggan and Paula Bushkoff, applicants for a project at 29 Alcott Street, Acton (town atlas plate G4, parcel 139).

Kevin Richie, of Civil Solutions, Inc., presented for the applicants. The area consists of single family homes with established lawn areas and light woods. The proposed leaching area is in the same areas as the existing leaching area in an established lawn. All work will be performed in previously disturbed areas. No tree removal is necessary for completion of the work.

Consideration of the front yard would have created too much disturbance. Ground water is less of a problem in the back yard. A Jet J-500 tank is being installed with Enviro-septic piping as required. The installation will be as close to the house as permitted, and the leaching field will extend just to the 50 foot buffer. An existing, unused field will be abandoned and the current field will be removed and material taken off-site. Because there is no expansion of the existing house, no expansion of the septic system is necessary. This is a replacement only.

Mr. Maitland asked when percolation tests were conducted. Mr. Richie explained that they were attempted in August but the wet season forced them to return and try again in October. Ms. Green noted debris pileup during the site visit and asked that that owners stop piling brush near the wetlands. Mr. Richie said he would convey that to the new owner.

Decision: Ms. Green moved to issue a negative 3 determination, that is, work described in the Request is within the Buffer Zone, as defined in the regulations, but will not alter an Area subject to protection under the Act. Therefore, said work does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent.

7:45 Notice of Intent: 21 Davis Road

Briarbrook Village Condominium Association filing for a project at 21 Davis Road, town atlas plate E5, parcel 2D-A12.

Dan Carr of Stamski & McNary Inc. presented the project for the applicant. The work consists of refurbishing an existing in-ground pool, replacing the poolhouse and replacing the decking. The footprint follows closely with the existing pool/pool house/decking footprint. However, the proposed design will result in a reduction of 527 square feet of impervious surface. There is no change in the distance from wetlands.

Mr. McKinnon asked about the material for the decking and Mr. Carr said it would be concrete. He asked if there would be any stockpiling of material and Mr. Carr said there would not be. Ms. Green asked if the existing decking material would be removed and Mr. Carr said it would.

(At this point, Mr. Maitland was interrupted with a phone call from Brian Butler regarding a Request for Certificate of Compliance. Mr. Maitland excused himself from the meeting and Mr. Colman stepped in to continue the hearing.)

Mr. Colman closed the hearing since there was no further discussion.

Decision: Mr. McKinnon moved to issue a Standard Order of Conditions, Ms. Green seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

(Mr. Maitland returned and resumed his position of chair.)

Certificates of Compliance

41 Esterbrook Road, DEP File #85-403

Ms. Goodwin had participated in the site inspection with Mr. Tidman the prior week and reported the Mr. Tidman had asked her to report to the Commission that she and Mr. Tidman had observed a piling of gravel behind the riding arena when they conducted the inspection. Based on this report, the Commission was reluctant to issue the Compliance permit until the gravel was removed.

Decision: Ms. Green moved not to issue the Certificate until the gravel was removed. Mr. McKinnon seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

138 Great Road, DEP File #85-200

Mr. Colman reported that he had noted some tires strewn behind the building when he participated with Mr. Tidman in the inspection walk. He was reluctant to issue a Certificate without confirmation that the site would be cleaned up.

Decision: Mr. Colman moved not to issue a Certificate of Compliance until the debris was removed. Ms. Green seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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Decision: Mr. McKinnon moved to accept the minutes of April 18, 2018, Ms. Green seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned: 8:45 PM


Terry Maitland
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Chairperson

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Amended AGENDA
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Applicants, Betty Ann Duggan and Paula Bushkoff, for a project at 29 Alcott Street, Acton (town atlas plate G4, parcel 139). The work consists of the replacement of an existing failed sewage system. Work will occur within 100 feet of wetlands.

7:45 Notice of Intent: 21 Davis Road

Briarbrook Village Condominium Association, for a project at 21 Davis Road, town atlas plate E5, parcel 2D-A12. The project consists of the refurbishment of the existing in-ground pool, a replacement poolhouse, and replacement of the pool deck surface. Work is within the 100 foot Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW).

Certificate of Compliance

Quail Ridge DEP File #85-986 (pending)

41 Esterbrook Road, DEP File #85-403

138 Great Road, DEP File #85-200

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