

ACTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

JULY 7, 2010

AGENDA

7:15 PM

Town Hall - 472 Main Street

Room 204

1. 7:15 Forest Inventory Report - Wetherbee Land Charles Caron - cancelled
2. 7:40 Request for Determination - One Evergreen Way - (65 Hammond Street) - Betsy Purcell
(010) Willow Tree & Landscape - proposed landscaping (Town Atlas Plate E-3, Parcel 3-1)
3. 7:50 Request for Determination - 21 Elm Street - Douglas School Boardwalk Repair
(020) Acton School Department - proposed deck replacement on an existing boardwalk located at the Douglas School located at (Town Atlas Plate E-2, Parcel 247).
4. Certificates of Compliance
 - 7 Oneida Drive - 85-1020 (030)
 - 5 Grace Path - 85-484 (partial) (031)
5. Conservation Restriction Easement - Signature - Woodlands at Laurel Hill (040)
Durkee Lane, CR Easement Area 2 - Avalon Bay
6. MINUTES
June 2 comments rec'd by FP, TM
June 16 forthcoming

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Terry Maitland, Fran Portante, Tom Arnold, William Froberg, Patty Lee, Andrew Magee, Toros Maksoudian

ASSOCIATE MEMBER(S): Toni Hershey

RECORDING SECRETARY & CONSERVATION ADMINISTRATOR: Tom Tidman

VISITORS: Christine Phillips, Monty Grob, JD Head, Catherine Trotter-Wilson, Peter Wilson, Corrina Roman-Kreuze, Pat Easterly, Patricia Caffor, Betsy Purcell, Scott Christerson

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* Ms. Lee disclosed that in the past she has worked with the landscaper, Scott Christerson from Willow Tree & Landscape. Ms. Lee stated she is not or financially associated with Mr. Christerson or the Applicant relating to this RDA filing and can act fairly without bias as a commissioner on this project.

Scott Christerson, from Willow Tree & Landscape, reported that the owner/applicant wishes to remove 12 mature white pine trees from property for safety reasons as the trees in question could fall on the house. All of the pine trees are within 50 feet of the existing house. Once the trees are removed and the stumps ground out, native shrubs will be planted and the area will be allowed to naturalize.

Upon query by Mr. Maitland, Mr. Christerson reported that once the stumps are ground out the grinding debris will be removed from the site.

Upon query by Ms. Portante, Mr. Christerson reported that he plans on adding a compost/loam mix into each shrub planting hole.

Upon query by Mr. Arnold, Mr. Christerson stated that he will use a natural mix of leaf litter and pine needles as mulch.

Upon query by Mr. Tidman, Ms. Lee stated that she is comfortable and satisfied with the proposed planting plan.

Mr. Magee suggested the Commission impose a special condition that once the project is complete that there will be no further disturbance to the 50' no-disturb setback.

Upon query by Ms. Lee, Mr. Christerson stated that he does not intend to apply fertilizer, he will only use a compost/loam mix in the planting holes.

Upon query by Mr. Froberg, Mr. Christerson stated that he plans to access the site with equipment via the driveway and across the existing lawn to grind the stumps.

8:09 Hearing no further comments or questions, Mr. Maitland closed the meeting.

Determination of Applicability - One Evergreen Way - (65 Hammond Street)

Mr. Magee moved that the 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 with the following special conditions:

1. The Commission requires that there be no additional landscaping or active disturbance within the 50-foot natural vegetative setback once the approved planting is completed.
2. Per the Town of Acton Wetlands Protection Bylaw and Regulations the Commission prohibits the use of fertilizers or pesticides other than natural materials within the 50-foot natural vegetative setback.

Mr. Arnold 2nd; motion passed unanimously.

[See file in the Conservation Office also located in DocuShare: Conservation Commission – 2010 Meetings – 07-07-2010 - (010).]

7:50 Request for Determination - 21 Elm Street - Douglas School Boardwalk Repair - Acton School Dept. (020)

J.D. Head from the Acton School Dept. presented plans for the proposed deck replacement on the existing straight section of boardwalk located at the Douglas School for a distance of approximately 135 linear feet. The existing concrete footings will remain and be reused for the new boardwalk platform; the existing metal anchor bolts are rotted and in need of replacement. The proposed bottom of the new boardwalk will be elevated to approximately 20" above the existing footings.

Upon query by Mr. Maitland, J.D. Head stated that the project will be done by a combination of mostly volunteers including several skilled carpenters doing the cutting and fitting.

8:05 Hearing no further comments, Mr. Maitland closed the meeting.

Determination of Applicability - 21 Elm Street - Douglas School Boardwalk Repair

Ms. Lee moved that the 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 with one Finding:

The Determination is limited to the installation of approximately 135 linear feet of replacement boardwalk commencing at the Douglas School (east) and concluding at the bridge on the Gates School (west) side of the existing boardwalk as set forth in Applicant's RDA filing, Section 2a Work Description. Any work beyond these limits will require a new filing with the Conservation Commission.

Mr. Arnold 2nd; motion passed unanimously.

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Certificate of Compliance - 7 Oneida Drive - 85-1020 (030)

Ms. Lee moved that the Commission issue a Certificate of Compliance for 7 Oneida Drive as recommended by Mr. Tidman, Mr. Froberg 2nd; motion passes with Mr. Magee abstained.

Certificate of Compliance - 5 Grace Path - 85-484 (partial) (031)

Ms. Lee moved that the Commission issue a Certificate of Compliance for 5 Grace Path as recommended by Mr. Tidman, Mr. Froberg 2nd; motion passes with Mr. Magee abstained.

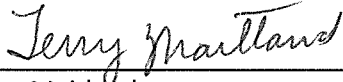
Conservation Restriction Easement - Signature - Woodlands at Laurel Hill (040)

Ms. Lee moved that the Commission approve and sign the Conservation Restriction for Durkee Lane, CR Easement Area 2 as agreed upon by Avalon Bay, Mr. Arnold 2nd; motion passed unanimously.

Open Space & Recreation Plan

The Commission agreed to schedule an organized discussion at the Commission's next scheduled meeting on July 21, 2010

8:45 Meeting adjourned.



Terry Maitland
Chair

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