

**TOWN OF ACTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Minutes

May 1, 2019

7:15 PM

TOWN HALL - 472 MAIN STREET

ROOM 204

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Terry Maitland, Amy Green, Tim McKinnon, Jennifer Stolz, Suzanne Flint, Zywia Chadzynska

NATURAL RESOURCES DIRECTOR & RECORDING SECRETARY: Tom Tidman

7:15 Request for Determination: Town of Acton Road Maintenance
Town of Acton Engineering Department for the maintenance of existing public roadways, sidewalks and related infrastructure (stormwater and sewer).

Paul Campbell, Town of Acton Engineering, presented a 5 year plan for resurfacing town roads, including a maintenance plan. This is a general broad based approach to resurfacing and general maintenance. New projects, not covered under this plan, will be submitted as new filings. The Commission asked about resurfacing projects where the road will be taken down to its base layer and reconstructed. Mr. Campbell noted that his RDA narrative outlines the planned procedure. The Commission may require that, for any "reclamation" project, a separate RDA or NOI must be filed as a stand-alone project, not covered under this RDA.

Decision: Ms. Green moved to issue a negative 3 determination, meaning 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. One special condition was included, that this decision does not apply to full depth reconstruction projects.

Mr. McKinnon seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

7:30 Request for Determination: Town of Acton Parker Street Sidewalk
Town of Acton Engineering Department for the construction of a sidewalk on Parker Street between High Street and #118-126 Parker Street. The sidewalk will be constructed along the shoulder of the roadway. Some work will occur within the 100 foot buffer zone to wetlands.

Mr. Campbell described the site at Parker and High St. as the only location having BVW. The sidewalk will be approximately 20 to 25 feet from wetlands at its nearest point. Parker Street is a priority sidewalk for construction. There is no floodplain or riverfront on this section of sidewalk construction. When asked when it would be build, Mr. Campbell responded that it would likely be this fall.

Decision: Mr. McKinnon moved to issue a Negative 3 determination (see above), with the condition that no work would commence prior to June 15. Ms. Green seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

7:30 **Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation:** 96 Newtown Road
Dylan Harris, of 96 Newtown Road, (town atlas plate E3, parcel 27) is the applicant. He seeks confirmation of resource area delineations subject to protection under the Wetlands Protection Act.

Daniel Gannon, from Stamski & McNary, presented for the applicant. He described the site to the Commissioners, and noted the areas, WF 14A and 14B, that had been added as a result of the site visit earlier that day. He submitted updated plans and a cover letter detailing the changes. Mr. McKinnon asked if the Commission was being asked to make a determination of the stream? Mr. Gannon responded that it had been determined to be an intermittent stream. Ms. Green asked if there were any other flood plain on the property, and Mr. Gannon said he didn't believe there was any flood plain on the property.

The Commission determined that, based on USGS mapping, the stream was intermittent.

Decision: Mr. McKinnon moved to accept the delineation with the following special conditions: 1. No delineations beyond WF 13c was to be included in the determination; 2. No determination was being made by the Commission on Bordering Land Subject to Flooding. Ms. Green seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

7:45 **Request for Determination:** Sachem Way Road Repair and Reconstruction
Acton Housing Authority, applicant, for a project at Sachem Way (town atlas plate and parcels: C5-16, C4-19-3, C4-19-1). This is a maintenance project that includes repairing the site's vehicular access drive, curbing and sidewalk. Some of the work occurs within 100 feet of isolated wetland.

Kathie Anduchuk? from Allen & Major Associates Inc., presented for the applicant, Kelly Cronin, Executive Director of the Acton Housing Authority. The proposed project is primarily for repairs to the roadway system. Sachem Way is a private roadway that runs through the development. Repairs include driveway, curb and sidewalks. 90 feet of the proposed sidewalk is within 100 feet of an isolated wetlands, 360 square feet of the sidewalk is within the 100 foot buffer. Wills Hole Brook is within 200 feet of the proposed maintenance project. All stockpiling of materials during construction will occur outside the 100 foot buffer.

The sidewalk pitches towards the roadway and then into an existing drainage system that is tied into Route 2A drainage structure. This is a 45 day contract for construction, and the project has not yet gone out to bid. (Hearing closed at 8:10.)

Decision: Mr. McKinnon moved to issue a negative 3 determination, (see above for explanation), with the condition that work was not to begin before June 15th. Ms. Green seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

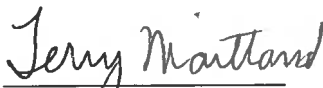
**Special Business: Stormwater Regulations and Changes to Wetland Regulations
Paul Campbell, Town of Acton Engineer**

Mr. Campbell outlined the history of the Stormwater Bylaw, Town of Acton Bylaw Chapter X. This Bylaw includes all the standards for stormwater management. Mr. Campbell also presented the language that must be included in the Wetlands Rules and Regulations. The Commission determined that Mr. Colman and the Conservation Agent would meet with Paul Campbell to review consistence and language changes necessary in order for Chapter F (Acton WPA Bylaw) to correspond to Chapter X (Stormwater Management Bylaw).

Announcement/Invitation: The Concord Water District has invited the Commissioners to attend a 401 Water Quality Certification Review at the Nagog Pond Water Treatment Plant on May 7, 2019 at 10:30AM.

Minutes: April 17, 2019, Pending

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.



Terry Maitland
Chairperson



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Invitation to Commission: Tuesday, May 7, 10:30AM: Nagog Water Treatment Plant

401 Water Quality Certification review

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