



Acton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2019
7:15 PM
Acton Town Hall, 472 Main Street
Acton, MA 01720
Room 204

Present: Terry Maitland, Amy Green, Jim Colman, Zywia Chadzynska, Carolyn Kiely

Absent: Tim McKinnon, Suzanne Flint

Natural Resources Director and recording secretary: Tom Tidman

Regular Business

7:15 Notice of Intent: 169 Central Street

Jillian Peters for a project at 169 Central Street, Acton, MA (assessors map/plate no. F2, parcel B-114). The project is the construction of an addition to the existing dwelling. Work will occur within the 100 foot buffer zone.

Jillian and Daniel Peters, the owners of the property, presented the project to the Commission. The plan is to add a garage to an existing house. The driveway, septic system and deck were already approved under another Notice of Intent (85-1245) filed October of 2018, and work has been completed, and a Certificate of Compliance issued. Erosion control barriers are still in place from this prior filing.

Decision: Mr. Colman moved to issue a standard Order of Conditions. Ms. Green seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

7:30 Notice of Intent: 54 Martin Street, Jones Field 85-1268, continued from 8/7/2019

Mr. Tidman described the project. It had been continued while awaiting the Storm Water Report to be submitted to DEP. DEP has now approved the report. There is Riverfront, 100 Year Floodplain and Bordering Vegetated Wetlands on the property. All Stormwater Management standards will be applied to the maximum extent possible. A new paved parking lot, off of Stow Street, will have a berm directing runoff to a deep sump catch basin. Stormwater will be discharged to a maintained lawn area outside of the wetlands after passing through the deep sump catch basin. In Phase I of the project, the playground will be moved away from the flood way to an area where the baseball diamond infield had been located. Construction is proposed for next summer.

Decision: Mr. Colman moved to issue a standard Order of Conditions. Ms. Green seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

8:00 Notice of Intent: 19 Hemlock Lane

Art and Maria Lopez for a project at 19 Hemlock Lane, (assessors map/plate number E4, parcel 34). The project is the construction of a 17x27 foot addition to the northwest side of the house and the construction of a screened porch off the rear of the house with a deck. Some construction will occur within the 75 foot buffer zone.

Becca Edson, landscape architect for the applicant, presented the project to the Commission. A new family room is to be added to the rear of the house, constructed on post footings. The existing house (built in 1966) is 25 feet from wetlands. The only excavation will be the digging of post holes. Wattles will be used instead of haybales. A silt fence will also be used.

Decision: Mr. Colman moved to issue a standard Order of Conditions with one special condition: Native Plant species to be planted in the naturalized buffer zone, shall be reviewed and approved by the Natural Resources Director. Ms. Kiely seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Special Business

- Piper Lane Condominiums, 85-1263: status of Peer Review RFQs.
The Commission briefly discussed the status of the peer review RFQs sent to BSC Group, LED Environmental, GZA and Beals & Thomas. They will review the submitted quotes and proposals at the Dec. 4th meeting. NR Staff will forward all submissions electronically to Commissioners on Friday, Nov. 22.

Consent Items

Certificate of Compliance: none

Minutes: Nov. 6, 2019: pending

At 8:35 PM, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.


Terry Maitland
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Chairperson

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting

Notice of Intent filing documents for 169 Central Street
Notice of Intent filing documents for 54 Martin Street
Notice of Intent filing documents for 19 Hemlock Lane
Sample letter of RFQ for Piper Lane Condominiums, DEP # 85-1263

These documents may be found here: <http://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/View/Collection-70052>