

Acton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2019
7:15 PM
Acton Town Hall, 472 Main Street
Acton, MA 01720
Room 204

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

Absent: Tim McKinnon

Natural Resources Director and recording secretary: Tom Tidman

Regular Business

7:15 Notice of Intent: 36 Quaboag Road

Applicant Mickey Jeanson for a project at 36 Quaboag Road, Acton, MA 01720 (*town atlas plate E2, parcel 229*). The project is the replacement of a septic system serving a single family home. Work will occur within the 100 foot wetland buffer zone.

Seth Donohoe, from Ducharme & Dillis Civil Design Group, presented for the applicant. He explained that testing on the site was completed. The Board of Health (BoH) required that an advanced treatment septic tank be installed. The new system is designed to support a three bedroom dwelling. The existing field will be abandoned; the tank will be crushed and filled with sand. An excavator will be used to crush the tank. The wetlands had been flagged by Mr. Donohoe.

Decision: Ms. Green moved to issue a standard Order of Conditions with one special condition:

A row of 3 to 4 foot diameter boulders, buried to half their depth with a spacing of 10 feet on center will be placed 15 feet off the wetlands, running from the drainage easement north to the property line.

Mr. Colman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

7:20 Determination of Applicability: 159 Central Street

Applicant Barbara Smith for a project at 159 Central St., Acton, plate no. G2, parcel 50. The project is the replacement of a failed sewage disposal system.

Barbara Smith, the applicant, presented the project. She noted that the current septic system was in failure. The new installation had been prepared by Civil Solutions. The BoH has already issued a permit. The proposed system is 58 ft. from wetlands at its nearest point. A new leaching field will be constructed in the same location as the original system. The new system will be a "Jet-500" system with a septic tank and pump chamber.

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.

Ms. Flint seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

7:30 Notice of Intent: 8 & 10 Post Office Square

Dan Allen from Bohler Engineering requested the hearing be continued to January 15, 2020. The Commission granted the request and the hearing is continued to January 15, 2020.

7: 45 Resource Area Delineation: 12 Spring Hill Road: The hearing has been rescheduled for January 15 at 7:15PM.

8:00 Request for Determination: 13 Lilac Court

Elsie Hancock for a project at 13 Lilac Court, Acton, MA (*town atlas plate H3, parcel 64*). The project is the replacement of a failed sewage disposal system. Some work will occur within the 100 foot wetland buffer zone.

Kirk Fitzpatrick from Civil Solutions presented for the applicant. He described a system in failure, having failed a Title V inspection. A Presby System is being proposed. The leaching field is 66 ft. from wetlands at its closest point. The design has been approved by the BoH. The area of installation is currently lawn area only.

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.

Ms. Flint seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Special Business

Hybrid Farm License Agreement

The Commission reviewed the modified license agreement that included the installation of electric fence as a deterrent to the horses passing through a small break in the fencing of section D. The Commission pointed out that any signage added to that area must be approved by them prior to installation.

Decision: Mr. Colman moved to approve the license agreement for 2020. Ms. Green seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Consent Items:

Certificate of Compliance: 2 Clover Hill Road, DEP No. 85-1240

Decision: Ms. Green moved to issue a Certificate of Compliance. Ms. Kiely seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

The meeting minutes from the Conservation Commission's December 4, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved by a vote of 6 to 0.

At 8:30Pm, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.



Terry Maitland
Chairperson

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting

- Notice of Intent for 36 Quaboag Road
- Request for Determination of Applicability for 159 Central Street
- Request for Determination for 13 Lilac Court
- Request for a Certificate of Compliance for 2 Clover Hill Road (DEP 85-1240)
- Hybrid Farm Annual License Renewal with approved changes
- Minutes of the December 4, 2019 meeting for approval

These documents may be found here: <http://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/View/Collection-10621/Document-70447>