

Acton Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

September 2, 2020

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Present: Terry Maitland, Amy Green, Tim McKinnon, Carolyn Kiely, Zywia Chadzynska

Absent: Jim Colman, Suzanne Flint

Natural Resources Director and recording secretary: Tom Tidman

Zoom Host: Fran Portante

Regular Business

7:00 Terry opened the meeting and read the “Virtual Meeting” disclaimer.

7:05 Notice of Intent: 75 Spruce Street & Elm Street (Twin School Project): [continuation]

Scott Morrison began by answering questions he had received from Amy Green at an on-site meeting with himself, Tom Tidman and Amy Green on August 27th. Scott noted that there are several locations along the erosion control barrier that jut out closer to wetlands. These locations correspond with stormwater outfall pipes and riprap discharge points. Snow storage locations, along with a grass composting location, have now been added to the construction plans. Snow storage has been added to the O & M document. Scott noted that the peer review comments and questions have all been answered and the peer reviewer has signed off on the project. Scott noted that final plans for the 8’ wide boardwalk, that includes hand rails with LED lighting underneath, will be run by the Commission prior to installation.

Applicant asked that the Commission permit the installation of a 5’ to 6’ stone dust trail around the perimeter of the construction area that would allow travel to the Gates School from the Douglas School. Scott asked that the Commission allow the installation of the stone dust trail construction prior to students re-entering the two schools on September 14th. The Commission required that the stone dust trail be edged to prevent the stone dust from migrating into wetlands over time. Erosion control was discussed.

Hearing no further questions from the Commission or public, the hearing was closed at 7:45pm

Decision: Amy moved to issue a standard “Order of Conditions,” noting a waiver for the installation of a temporary 6’ wide stone dust path with edging, and including the following “Special Conditions”:

- (1) A pre-construction meeting with the General Contractor and Conservation Agent will be arranged prior to the installation of the temporary stone dust trail.

- (2) The applicant will be required to install a vertical edge to contain and prevent erosion along both sides the temporary and permanent stone dust trail(s). During construction, the stone dust trail will be monitored for erosion on a weekly basis.
- (3) The project Operations and Management Plan, including all plans associated with the long-term maintenance of the Stormwater Management System shall be submitted for review and approval by the Conservation Commission prior to the issuance of an occupancy permit for the new school.
- (4) Quarterly review and monitoring of the stone dust trail shall be included in the Operation and Management Plan for the project, until such time as the temporary trail is removed and the area stabilized.

Carolyn seconded the motion, and the roll call vote was 4 commissioners “Yea” and one Commissioner, Tim, abstaining.

7:30 Request for Determination: 9 Anthem Way: continued, date to be determined.

7:45 Request for Determination: 53 Parker Street

Judith Krongelb for a project at 53 Parker Street, (town atlas plate H-3, parcel 194). The project is the replacement of the existing driveway. Some work will occur within 100 feet of wetlands.

Applicant and owner Judy Kronwasser, described the project to the Commission, which includes the removal of the existing 10’ wide paved driveway and replacing it with new macadam. The existing driveway has a bump-out area near the house that will be removed and stabilized with gravel. The gravel stabilization area is within 100’ of the outlet stream to Barkers Pond. Work will all be done by Nashoba Paving. Commissioners asked about the area to be stabilized with gravel and several Commissioners felt that a site visit would be in order. Mr. Tidman agreed to arrange a sitewalk for the Commission.

Mr. Maitland continued the meeting to September 16th at 7:05 PM.

Special Business: Electronic Signatures are approved and in place.

Consent Items:

Certificate of Compliance: 85-1271: 9 Baxter Rd

Amy moved to issue the Certificate of Compliance, , Carolyn seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous.

Minutes: 8/5/2020: Reviewed by TM, CK, ZC

Amy moved to approve the minutes of August 5, 2020; Zywia seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous.

At 8:15 PM, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved [unanimously].

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting (will be added)

85-1286-ActonSpruce75NOIConservationCommissionResponse2020.9.2
6 Anthem Way WPA RDA form 2
53 Parker Street WPA RDA form 2
Certificate of Compliance for 9 Baxter Road WPA Form 8B

These documents may be found here: <http://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/View/Collection-11851>



Terrance Maitland, Chair