

ACTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes
March 4, 2015
7:15 PM
TOWN HALL - 472 MAIN STREET
ROOM 126

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Terry Maitland, Tom Arnold, Andrew Magee, Amy Green, Paula Goodwin

NATURAL RESOURCES DIRECTOR & RECORDING SECRETARY: Tom Tidman

VISITORS: Rachel Watsky, Dan Wells, Steve Marsh, Brewster Conant

7:15 Notice of Intent: 12 Summer Street, Continued from Feb. 4, 2015

Rachel Watsky presented for the applicant. She noted that the commission has asked that buffer zone impacts be supplied and reported as follows:

0 to 25 feet: 22,600 square feet of buffer will be impacted

25 to 50 feet: 17,700 square feet of buffer will be impacted

50 to 75 feet: 22,000 square feet of buffer will be impacted

75 to 100 feet: 12,700 square feet of buffer will be impacted

Ms. Watsky referred to the Commission's request for a Conservation Restriction plan to be submitted and stated that such plan, from R. Wilson and Associates, was submitted on February 25, 2015. Mr. Magee pointed out that the Commission had also asked that a draft Conservation Restriction document be supplied for the Commission to review. Ms. Watsky responded that the applicant is considering gifting the open space parcel of 9.2 acres directly to the Town of Acton in lieu of putting a Conservation Restriction on the parcel. Mr. Maitland asked if an open space gift would require a vote from Town Meeting. Mr. Magee responded that it was not required and that a land gift could be accepted by the Board of Selectman.

Again, noting the Commission request for an Operation and Maintenance Plan, Ms. Watsky said such plan was submitted on February 25, 2015. Mr. Magee said the O&M appeared to be acceptable. Ms. Watsky continued that, in addition to the O&M plan, the Commission also requested a "Construction Sequence Plan, and that was provided for their review on February 25, 2015.

Ms. Goodwin asked who would do the environmental monitoring, and Mr. Marsh responded that it would probably be Goddard Consulting.

Mr. Tidman commented that a significant number of mature trees would be removed from the buffer zone areas where there is typically no activity allowed. He asked what compensation is being planned for the buffer zone tree loss. Ms. Watsky said they would inventory the trees that would be cut during construction and create a list of trees. They would also prepare a

compensatory list and locations for replacement trees for the Commission to review. Mr. Magee suggested that the Commission could add a condition to the Order outlining approximately where and how many replacement trees would be required. Mr. Maitland commented that it would be helpful to know how many trees are being removed from the buffer zone, along with some indication of where trees would be planted.

Mr. Arnold asked, in the case of the open space parcel being gifted to the town, how quickly could that transaction be executed. Mr. Marsh said it could be within 60 days of the closing of the filing. Mr. Arnold then noted that the Planning Board had been very specific about the size of the area to remain as Open Space. He requested a letter for the record stating that the open space presented to the Conservation Commission is equivalent in size to that required by the Planning Board, and also that it be prepared by the project engineer. Mr. Marsh agreed to have the letter prepared by their engineer.

Ms. Goodwin pointed out that some signage would be needed along the gravel sidewalk directing the public walking the trail easement. Ms. Watsky said they would develop some wording for the signs and work it into the Operation and Maintenance Plan.

Mr. Maitland noted that the third party peer-review company, EcoTec, Inc., has not been paid yet, and the Commission would need to know they have been paid before closing the hearing. Mr. Marsh said he would attend to their payment.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the hearing was continued to March 18th at 7:30 PM.

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Mr. Magee moved to approve the minutes of 2/4/2015, Mr. Arnold seconded, vote unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35.



Terry Maitland
Chairperson

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NOTE CHANGE IN ROOM!

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