

**ACTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
January 20, 2016  
7:15 PM  
TOWN HALL - 472 MAIN STREET  
ROOM 204**

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

**NATURAL RESOURCES DIRECTOR & RECORDING SECRETARY:** Fran Portante

**VISITORS:** Molly Obendorf, Stamski & McNary; Pamela and David Cochrane

**7:15 Notice of Intent: 198 Central Street, Septic System**

Notice of Intent filed by Pamela Cochrane of 198 Central St. (Assessors map/plate number F2-B, parcel 83) for the replacement of an existing sewage disposal system. Work falls within the Buffer Zone of the edge of Bank of an intermittent stream and within Bordering Land Subject to Flooding.

Molly Obendorf, from Stamski & McNary Inc., presented for the client. The resource areas include an intermittent stream and floodplain. Work falls within the Buffer Zone of the Edge of Bank of the intermittent stream and within Bordering Land Subject to Flooding (BLSF). The existing house and lawn area fall within the 50 foot Buffer Zone and the existing Cesspool is closer than 50 feet to Bank. The proposed location of the new system is outside of the 50 foot setback. It also employs a newer technology, the Presby System. Mr. Arnold and Mr. Magee both asked for more information about the system and what advantage it would provide. Ms. Obendorf explained that it uses an enhanced filtering technique to achieve a cleaner outflow. Ms. Cochrane also noted that the existing system was in good working order and this project was intended as an upgrade for the future. Ms. Cochrane also noted that the town had put in a drainage pipe from Willow Street that directs water into the intermittent stream along the northern edge of their property.

The Commission discussed whether this filing, because of the placement of a portion of the tanks within the 50 foot Buffer, should be treated both under the WPA and the Town Bylaw. A review of the Bylaw supported the decision to file under both. The Commission discussed granting the required waiver, since there was no contention, only the need to record the filing correctly. There were no other objections to the plan.

**Decision:** Mr. Magee moved to issue a Standard Order of Conditions, under both the WPA and Acton Bylaw, waiving provisions 18 & 19 of the Bylaw, as well as including a waiver for work within the 50 foot wetland area buffer zone for installing the tanks. Mr. Froberg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**Certificate of Compliance:** 95 Newtown Road: 85-1167: awaiting verification of completion by Engineer. Rescheduled to Feb. 3.

**Minutes:**

December 16, 2015: reviewed by PG, AM, TM

Mr. Magee moved to accept the minutes, Ms. Green seconded, vote was unanimous.

January 6, 2016: pending

**Meeting adjourned: 7:40PM**



Terry Malland  
Chairperson

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