

**TOWN OF ACTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Minutes

October 18, 2017

7:15 PM

**TOWN HALL - 472 MAIN STREET
ROOM 204**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Terry Maitland, William Froberg, Amy Green, Tim McKinnon

NATURAL RESOURCES DIRECTOR & RECORDING SECRETARY: Tom Tidman

VISITORS:

7:15 56 Hammond Street continuance

Nick Facendola Of Level Design Group LLC, presented the project. The applicant is proposing to build a 1,700 square foot carriage house. The existing driveway is within the 100 foot buffer zone. The only disturbance that will occur is the installation of new electrical conduit along the edge of the existing driveway. A "ditchwitch" will be used. A mulch sack will be installed along the edge of work.

The carriage house will be heated by propane, and an underground tank will be installed outside of the 100 foot buffer. Septage will be pumped to the existing septic system. This has already been approved by the Board of Health.

Mr. Froberg pointed out that the new electric line would be within 50 feet of wetlands. The Commission felt that the electric installation was part of the road shoulder and as such was consistent with the utility corridor.

Decision: Mr. McKinnon moved to issue a standard Order of Conditions with the following special conditions:

1. Conditions 18 & 19 of the Acton Wetlands Protection bylaw are waived
2. No dewatering will be permitted
3. Trenching will occur within the shoulder of the existing roadway
4. All trenches will be closed at the end of each work day

Ms. Green seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

7:50 Determination of Applicability: 258 Parker Street continuance

Guodong Zhang for a project at 258 Parker Street. The project is for landscaping within the 100 foot buffer of a bordering vegetated wetland.

Mr. Zhang presented the project to the Commission. He noted that several trees were very close to the house which offered a safety concern. The existing lawn is 31 feet away from wetlands at its nearest point. The plan is to add native plants to the area between the proposed lawn and the edge of wetlands to compensate for the disturbance. Mr. McKinnon noted that the project seems to be greater than a RDA filing would merit. Mr. Froberg expressed his preference

for more detail in terms of what plantings, where placed and installation procedure. Ms. Green asked what would happen to the stumps and how much fill would be needed. Mr. Mckinnon asked if silt prevention is planned for the disturbed area.

The number of outstanding questions prompted the need to continue the meeting.

Decision: Mr. Maitland announced that the meeting would be continued to November 1, at 7:25 PM.

7:50 Notice of Intent: 64 & 68 Robbins St.

The continuation of this hearing has been moved to November 15, 2017.

8:00 161 Newtown Road: The Town of Acton's pending purchase of this property for Open Space requires the Conservation Commission's approval for the following two conditions:

1. Approval of characterization of the property for its unique value as open space
2. Approval of the purchase and sale agreement

Decision: Ms. Green moved to accept the two conditions, Mr. Froberg seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Certificate of Compliance

Quail Ridge DEP File #85-986: Not approved at this time

45 Martin Street DEP File #85-796

Ms. Green moved to issue a Certificate of Compliance, Mr. Froberg seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

45 Martin Street DEP File #85-849

Ms. Green moved to issue a Certificate of Compliance, Mr. Froberg seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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September 6, 2017: Reviewed by TM, PG

Ms. Green moved to accept the minutes of Sept. 6, Mr. Froberg seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM


bor Terry Maitland
Chairperson

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September 6, 2017: Reviewed by TM, PG

September 20, 2017: Pending

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