

Conservation Commission Minutes 5/12/2021 7:30 PM

Present:

Commission Members: Acting Chairman Tim Holiner, Amey Moot, Sarah Monaco, Christy Violin, Jim McLaughlin, David Stapleton. Absent – John Sullivan

Consultant Agent to the Commission: Janet Bowser

Conservation Commission Office Staff: Lori Hagerty

Applicants/Representatives: Deborah Anderson, Wetland Scientist, Alexandra Abry, homeowner of 4 Riverside Drive, Joshua Kalenderian, homeowner 13 Hartford St.

Minutes

2/10/21

Motion made and seconded to accept the minutes of 2/10/21 as amended. Roll call vote: Sarah-Yes, Amey-Yes, Dave-Yes, Christy-Yes, Jim-Yes, Tim-Yes.

3/10/21

Motion made and seconded to accept the minutes of 3/10/21 as amended. Roll call vote: Sarah-Yes, Amey-Yes, Dave-Yes, Christy-Yes, Jim-Yes, Tim-Yes.

Request for Certificate of Compliance

144-850 4 Riverside Drive, Abry, Deb Anderson, Wetland Scientist – work never started

On behalf of the applicant, Alexandra Abry, Deb Anderson requested discussion of the new Notice of Intent first. The Commission agreed to listen to discussion.

Notice of Intent

144-859 4 Riverside Dr., Abry, Demolition of existing single-family home and new construction of single-family home - Deb Anderson, Wetland Scientist

The hearing was not opened and the item was discussed as requested. Deb Anderson explained the history of the property. The previously approved Amendment was discovered to be impractical due to structural problems with the existing house. The previous approved Amendment was under the old regulations. No trees were removed. It is existing lawn area. Deb asked what is needed for a revised plan. Agent Bowser recommended the applicant show the existing shed, house and edge of lawn on the plan and requested Deb Anderson's comments in writing by next Wednesday. The Commission said the buffer zones shown can remain on the plan and add the new 50' no disturb and 70' no structure zones. Deb requested to continue the Certificate of Compliance discussion until the next meeting also and the Commission agreed.

Discussion

13 Hartford Street, Joshua Kalenderian, homeowner

Joshua requested information on available grants to remove invasive species on his property. The Commission advised the owner there are no resident grants given through the Town. Municipalities will normally obtain grants for Town owned properties.

Agent's Report

Mass Fish & Wildlife Grant Opportunities for local wetland restoration projects-Agent Bowser discussed a grant opportunity available until July and asked for input on what areas could be beneficial.

25 Wilsondale Street – Minor Modification to Order of Conditions #144-849

Agent Bowser discussed a request from owner of 25 Wilsondale St., Kay Peterson for removing invasive plant species (Black Swallowort) using chemical rather than hand-removal because hand removal of deep root system would require removal of infected topsoil and impact BVW. It would be a cut and dab application. Agent Bowser asked if she needed to appear before the Commission, or if approval could be issued without the applicant attending and requesting a minor modification to her approved plan. The Commission approved the use of chemical application for the Black Swallowort.

Charles River Climate Compact South Natick Dam Assessment Project

Agent Bowser reviewed her draft memo with questions and concerns regarding this project and the Commission approved the memo.

85A Walpole Street – Agent Bowser will meet with the applicant at the site to review a proposed location for the shed.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 8:50 PM. Unanimously voted.

Documents:

4 Riverside Drive NOI plan dated 4/21/21

Agent Bowser draft questions for C.R.C.C. South Natick Dam

Agent Bowser comment memo dated 5/9/21

Agent Bowser recommendation memo dated 5/12/21 re: 85A Walpole St shed