

**Conservation Commission Minutes 8/11/2021  
7:30 PM**

Present:

Commission Members: Chairman John Sullivan, David Stapleton, Sarah Monaco, Tim Holiner, and Jim McLaughlin(7:37). Absent: Amey Moot and Christy Violin

Assistant to the Commission: Lori Hagerty

Consultant Agent to the Commission: Janet Bowser

Applicants/Representatives: Brian Nelson, Metrowest Engineering, Matthew Cunningham and Johanna Cairns of Matthew Cunningham Landscape Design, Erin Prichett, owner 49 Yorkshire Rd., Mark Arnold, Goddard Consulting LLC, Wes Wirth and Evan Petrillo of Thomas Wirth Associates.

**Minutes**

7/28/21

Motion made to accept the minutes of 7/28/21 with comments added as recommended. Roll call vote: Dave-Yes, Tim-Yes, Sarah-Yes, John-Yes.

**Request for Certificate of Compliance**

144-766 49 Yorkshire Rd. Prichett, Brian Nelson, Metrowest Engineering

Agent Bowser said she reviewed the documents and met on site with Metrowest Engineering, where she observed 1 small deviation over 150' away from the river, a slight increase in the amount of asphalt.

7:37 Jim McLaughlin arrived.

Agent Bowser continued there was a tennis court previously there which was removed. She said that equals a net decrease in impervious surface. Motion was made to issue the Certificate of Compliance for 49 Yorkshire Rd #144-766. Roll Call vote: Sarah-Yes, Dave-Yes, Tim-Yes, Jim-Yes, John-Yes.

**Notice of Intent**

144-863 49 Yorkshire Rd. Prichett, Brian Nelson, Metrowest Engineering

Having been duly published, the hearing for 49 Yorkshire Rd., NOI #144-863 was opened.

Agent Bowser visited the site and said the proposal was for lawn removal, a smaller pool and a stormwater infiltration system. Representing the owner Erin Prichett, was Brian Nelson of Metrowest Engineering, and Matthew Cunningham and Johana Cairns of Matthew Cunningham Landscape Design. Brian said the site is 1.4 acres. He said it was created prior to the Rivers Protection Act. He shared the plan on screen dated 7/19/21 showing jurisdictional areas, the proposed removal of the existing pool and installation of the smaller pool with a new spa in the same location. He said the replacement of existing terrace and proposed terrace will be moved closer to the house. He said there is 6% less impervious area and no tree removal proposed. He described the restoration plan and said along the boundary and bank is currently lawn, and those areas will be naturalized with conservation seed mix as redevelopment in the riverfront. He said all work is within the inner riparian zone of the Charles River. He said there is a proposed drywell to collect run off from the pool and terrace and there is a decrease in degraded area in the Riverfront. Agent Bowser said the applicant is exempt from Alternatives Analysis and the Commission may allow at their discretion under the Grandfathering Policy. Agent Bowser would like the location and size of the plantings included in the filing. She requested a planting plan be submitted. The applicant's representatives agreed to submit. Agent Bowser recommended 3 additional conditions not included in her comment memo dated

8/8/21. No herbicide use with only hand removal for invasive plant removal, 2 growing seasons of monitoring, and annual reports. Motion was made to close the hearing and issue a standard Order of Conditions with Special Conditions as stated. Roll call vote: Sarah-Yes, Dave-Yes, Tim-Yes, Jim-Yes, John-Yes. Agent Bowser confirmed the standard conditions to include permanent bounds, signage and monthly progress reports.

### **Continued Notice of Intent**

144-862 159 Claybrook Rd. Cranley, Goddard Consulting, LLC

Present for the homeowners Tracy and Thomas Cranley were Mark Arnold of Goddard Consulting and Wes Wirth of Thomas Wirth Associates. Wes Wirth explained the project work being proposed according to the plan dated 7/8/21. He showed the plan and photos for helical piers. Agent Bowser discussed her comments from her memo dated 8/8/21. She said a waiver request is required for the fence and pavilion. She called attention to DEP comments listed online. She also said an Alternatives Analysis is required. The Chairman asked for responses to Agent Bowser comments in writing. There was further discussion regarding degraded areas, undisturbed areas, and improvements and alterations. Wes Wirth discussed fencing for the pool. Commission members Sarah Monaco and Jim McLaughlin missed the previous site visit and requested a second site visit so they could attend. Lori will email Wes to schedule a second site visit. On behalf of the applicant, Wes requested a continuance to the next meeting on 8/25/21 and the Commission granted the request. More information will be provided in writing prior to the next meeting.

### **Continued Notice of Intent**

144-860 15, 17, 19 Strawberry Hill St. Leventhal, GLM Engineering

Prior to the meeting, the applicant's representative requested a continuance to the next meeting on 8/25/21 and the Commission granted the request.

### **Request for Certificate of Compliance**

144-825 45 Miller Hill Rd, Craig Rafter – GLM Engineering

Prior to the meeting, the applicant's representative requested a continuance to the next meeting on 8/25/21 and the Commission granted the request.

### **Discussion**

#### Conservation Properties – Maintenance

Lori Hagerty received estimates from Mark Ammons, Hunnewell Farms for maintenance work at Dedham St., Haven St., Springdale Ave behind #46, Valley Farm for mowing, haying and clearing away debris. The estimates are approximately the same as last year's charges. The Commission asked if his mowing process removed mowed grass? There was discussion regarding the machinery he uses and that it mulches to make organic fertilizer. The Commission advised this may be approved administratively if he uses that type of machinery or he removes the grass debris after mowing. Lori will contact Mark at Hunnewell Farm to confirm prior to any work beginning.

#### Channing Park

Jim McLaughlin and Sarah Monaco have been researching the beaver issue in the brook adjacent to Channing Park. Jim said the size of the beaver lodge is 8-10' tall and 10' across the base. Sarah has not heard back from private landowners upstream with an answer regarding beaver trapping at their property. Lori will contact Mike Callahan of Beaver Solutions to inquire about any other possible alternatives.

### **Agent's Report**

9 Old Meadow Rd-Agent Bowser reported the project is delayed while the applicant addresses an outstanding E.O.

Agent Bowser inquired about 4 Haven St. and 20 Pegan Ln. Lori said the violation letters were sent. There was no response from the owner of 4 Haven St. There was a response from 20 Pegan Ln owner by email dated 7/30/21. He contacted his Engineer to address the Request for CoC as recommended by Agent Bowser and directed by the Commission in a previous letter. His email stated that his Engineer was "backed up so he will not be able to get something to you (the Commission) by 8/3, but rest assured we are on it and I (the owner) am not ignoring your inquiries". After discussion, the Commission directed that a 3<sup>rd</sup> letter be sent looking for compliance by 9/9/21 for CoC submittal or fines of \$300 per day may be issued for non-compliance.

Charles River - Agent Bowser said the odor coming from the Charles River had dissipated but that Mass DEP has not determined the cause of the odor, dead fish and surface sheen.

Jim McLaughlin asked about a Clean Harbors truck he had seen recently (approximately 8/8) in the area of Dedham St at the Needham/Dover line pumping foamy water. The Commission directed Lori to contact Dover FD and Needham Conservation.

Eversource – Agent Bowser informed the Commission and Lori that she reached out to Eversource to discuss the Eversource Notice of Exempt Utility Maintenance forwarded by email from Lori 8/2/21 to ensure they're aware of regulatory requirements they need to comply with under the Bylaw.

11 Stagecoach Ln. – Discussion of abutter complaint about stockpiling debris in the buffer zone. The Chair will meet the abutter on her property to view possible violation.

Jim McLaughlin requested Agent Bowser visit 2 sites to view possible violations:

1. Home next to 46 Springdale, near stream
2. On Main St., large white house near Valley Farm

The Commission discussed Conservation property signs and posts. The name discussed for the land behind 46 Springdale was "Springdale Farm". Jim McLaughlin will discuss post work with Bob Tosi .

Jim McLaughlin asked Lori to email Wes Wirth to schedule a site visit for he and Sarah Monaco for Tues., 8/17 at 10:30 AM at 159 Claybrook Rd.

There was further continued discussion about the Bylaw Fees and clarification was made by the Commission. The Commission reviewed and approved the proposed fee clarifications outlined in Agent Bowser's Comment memo 8/8/21, revised per meeting discussion. The Chair directed that he will work with Lori Hagerty to address this and other policy clarifications.

Meeting adjourned at 10 PM

### **Documents:**

Metrowest Engineering Site Plan for 49 Yorkshire Rd dated 4/14/21

Metrowest Engineering Narrative, 49 Yorkshire Rd CoC dated 8/4/21

Metrowest Engineering Site Plan for 49 Yorkshire Rd NOI dated 7/19/21

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159 Claybrook Rd NOI Plan dated 7/8 /21

20 Pegan Ln email from owner dated 7/30/21

Eversource Notice of Exempt Utility Maintenance Activities letter dated 7/6/21, received 7/27/21  
and forwarded 8/2/21

Agent Bowser comment memo dated 8/8/21