



# TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes – 3/19/2024

Attendance: Chairman Jim Luciani; Bob Romano; Peter Miller; Ken Alepidis; Teresa Belmonte; Haley McHatton-Ballou; Paul Wendelgass

Agent: Elaine Vreeland

3/5/24 minutes – Ms. Belmonte made a motion to approve the 3/5/24 minutes.

Ms. MaHatton-Ballou made a second to the motion. After polling the Commissioners individually, the motion passed. Mr. Miller was not present for the vote.

DEP#313-631 – 94 Butler Avenue – Town of Wakefield – this matter was continued to 5/7/24 at the applicant's request.

DEP#313-638 - 457 Lowell Street – Joel & Kristine Robinson – continued public hearing: Notice of Intent for the construction of a 14'x22' addition (with crawlspace) and a 4'x7.5' deck and associated grading within the 100' buffer to bordering vegetated wetland (BVW) – Jack Sullivan of Sullivan Engineering Group and Mrs. Robinson were present.

Ms. Vreeland confirmed the wetland line.

Ms. Belmonte would like plantings added along the fence as mitigation for the paved basketball court.

Ms. Vreeland will forward to the homeowner a list of appropriate plantings.

Mr. Romano noted that the homeowners may encounter erosion control issues in one corner.

Mr. Luciani suggested reviewing erosion control measures inside the fence. He also suggested a special condition stating if the basketball court is removed, the area shall be replaced with grass or vegetation only.

Ms. Belmonte made a motion to close the public hearing.

Mr. Miller made a second to the motion. After polling the Commissioners individually, the motion passed unanimously.

The Order of Conditions will be voted on at the 4/2/24 meeting.

52 Bay State Road – Request to extend Order of Conditions (OOC) – John Ogren of Hayes Engineering was present for the applicants. The request calls for a 2-year extension.



Ms. McHatton-Ballou made a motion to extend the OOC for 2 years.

Ms. Belmonte made a second to the motion. After polling the Commissioners individually, the motion passed unanimously.

34 Mansfield Drive – tree removal request – A letter from Keith's Tree Service regarding removal was received. It noted that this is a multi-base pine tree suffering from white pine blight. The tree is located 25' from the stream.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the removal. After polling the Commissioners individually, the motion passed unanimously.

Replication planting will not be required.

Wetland bylaw – A draft for review will be submitted at the 4/2/24 meeting.

Vernal pools at the Voke – Paul Rybicki of Parker Road stated that he has submitted a letter regarding contamination of vernal pools on the Voke property. He noted that he had previously submitted this information in December 2023. It was then forwarded to DEP for comment. A representative from DEP stated that erosion controls were in place. Mr. Rybicki disputed that noting that the vernal pools are full of sand. He has also spoken with Town Engineer Bill Renault. The use of rodenticides on-site was also a concern. He requested support from the Commission related to these issues.

Ms. Belmonte noted that the Commission no longer has jurisdiction as DEP issued a superseding Order of Conditions. All inquiries should be directed to DEP.

Warrant articles – A storage container overlay bylaw concerning 50 Quannapowitt Parkway and a marijuana overlay bylaw concerning 3 lots on Audubon Road and Teal Road will be proposed at the 4/29/24 Town Meeting.

Ms. Belmonte made a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Miller made a second to the motion. After polling the Commissioners individually, the motion passed unanimously.