

Wakefield Conservation Commission (Commission) – Minutes – July 28, 2022

Attendance: Chairman Jim Luciani, Peter Miller, Teresa Belmonte, Sylvana Bouhlal, Paul Wendelgass, Bob Romano.

Absent: Ken Alepidis
Elaine Vreeland, Agent

Bay State Road: Town of Wakefield. Request for Determination of Applicability. Joe Conway, DPW, rep. The aim of this project is to loop the two dead ends of the Wakefield water system on Vernon Street and Bay State Road to increase available fire flows and improve water quality. The loop will also provide a location for a future interconnection with the Lynnfield Center Water District (LCWD). Mitigation was proposed consisting of hay bales at the edge of the roadway for the duration of the project, silt sacks within nearby catch basins, no stockpiling of material on site, and any material to be returned on site to be returned only in amounts and as necessary, and all trenches to be backfilled or plated at the end of each day. All work will be done sequentially, from point A to Point B. The trenches are expected to be 4' to 5' deep, except at the bridge crossing, where the insulated line will attach under the bridge span. The estimated time to completion is expected to be 3-4 weeks. The project is expected to improve water quality by connect the two existing two dead end lines. No alteration is anticipated for any resource area, and there is no anticipated need for dewatering. It was proposed as a minor project, pursuant to 310 CMR 10.02(2)(b)(1).

It was moved, seconded and approved to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability by unanimous roll call vote, with the following conditions:

- 1.) Hay bales shall be installed at the edge of the roadway,
- 2.) Silt sacks shall be installed in all catch basins within the limit of work area,
- 3.) There shall be no stockpiling of any material on site,
- 4.) All trenches shall be backfilled or covered with plates at the end of each day,
- 5.) There shall be a dewatering plan submitted to the Commission prior to the commencement of work.

DEP #313-619 – 200 Water Street – Cataldo Ambulance Service, Inc. – public hearing,: Notice of Intent for lot paving, building reconfiguration and rain garden within bordering land subject to flooding and riverfront to the Mill River – property owner Dennis Cataldo, John Ogren of Hayes Engineering and Attorney Brian McGrail were present.

Brian discussed a previous site visit and Commission concerns regarding parking on the far side of the bridge. This 2,300 SF area will be allowed to return its natural state, with no parking allowed. There will also be an invasive species removal and maintenance program, which will run for 4 years. Trees will be counted prior to construction and replace if lost. John Ogren reviewed the Invasive Species Removal Plan. The rain garden will have vertical excavation and then backfilled. There was a review of the findings, and a review of the proposed conditions. It

was moved, seconded and approved by unanimous roll call vote to close the hearing, and moved, seconded and approved by unanimous roll call vote to issue the Order of Conditions as discussed.

DEP #313-608 – 200 Quannapowitt Parkway. The hearing had been closed at the previous meeting on July 14, 2022 and members reviewed the proposed conditions. It was moved, seconded and approved by unanimous roll call vote to accept the conditions as they had been presented to the Commission.

DEP#313-615 – 7-11 Audubon Road. The hearing had been previously closed on July 14, 2022, and members reviewed the proposed conditions. It was moved, seconded approved by unanimous roll call vote to accept the proposed conditions with changes as noted.

DEP#313-574 - 0 Greenwood Ave. Nghi Luu, owner and rep. Mr. Luu appeared to request a minor change to his previously approved Order of Conditions to allow for a new design in which a smaller footprint would be constructed, with a second floor overhang supported with helical piers. He also requested permission to dig a drinking water well. He stated that during drilling any discharges would be filtered and water would flow into existing swales. After drilling is complete, there will be a 6” diameter pipe protruding from the ground. He also stated that the drill company had advised him that any water pumped would not interfere with the water budget to the wetlands. The house will tie into the existing town sewer line. It was moved, seconded and approved by unanimous roll call vote to approve the proposals and minor modifications to the Order.

DEP#313-600 - 100 Hemlock Road. Discussion. Elaine Vreeland and Jim Luciani updated Commission members regarding the site visit to dig test pits in preparation for installing a roadway. It was noted that four test pits had been dug and that some vegetation had been removed to accommodate the equipment.

Tree Removals:

- 56 Harrison Ave: Continued to August 18th.
- 30 Court Street: Property owner decided against removing tree.