

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
781-982-2100

Minutes
November 12, 2013
Buckley Room
7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Denis Bergin, Kathy Creighton, Jerry Kelliher, Russ Forsythe
Absent: Joe Feeney, Bill Stone, Mike Noonan

7:00 p.m. **Request for Certificate of Compliance, #84-467, 470 Linwood Street, Paul Crowley.** Russ Wheatley and John Cotter gave presentation. Letter submitted from Russell Wheatley with as-built plans. Neighbors had been concerned about water being shed on to their properties. To satisfy them, the plans with the NOI included two definitive swales on either side of the house to take any water back towards the wetlands. When the house was built, natural swales were created on either side of the house, not as deep as what was proposed, to take runoff from the house back into the low areas. It's not an artificial deep ditch, but a natural swale. The contours on either side of the house come in and curl up into the upland and back down to the low end, which creates a swale. Arrows on the plan indicate the flow of water which will occur in the natural swale around the house.

There is a deck on the back of the house on the second floor, which was not originally shown, and the driveway is to the right of the house rather than the front of the house. Kathy pointed out that the house is a little smaller than what was proposed.

The swale is natural from a short distance from the sides of the house, where there was filling for the house construction. Filled area around the house was proposed. The left side is more dramatic because the wall is quite high and built up, so there is a low area back there that runs back and should handle any storm water.

Jerry asked if the commission had been notified that there were changes. Russ Wheatley – not to his knowledge. Denis – commission can't sign off on this since there was no site inspection with the applicant or the applicant's agent. Kathy –swales were proposed to address the concerns of the neighbors, and these are not as deep as what was proposed. Felt board should take a look before issuing the certificate. John – they had spoken with Paul Crowley, and were told the Trenholms wanted to see the vegetation left and were in favor of him doing what he did on their side. Board will go out and look. Denis asked them to continue the meeting so the board can do a site walk.

Michael Hathaway, 548 Linwood Street – was shown the plans of what was originally proposed and as-builts. He thought the neighbors would prefer it to be more noticeable and more functional. Wondered if the commission had a filing on the third lot yet. No.

Continued to November 26th at 7:00 p.m. The board can call Russ or Paul directly before they go out on the site walk, probably on November 16th.

Open Space update – Denis will follow-up with Jim Watson of OCPC, and Joe was going to contact the town of Rockland.

Continued hearings, 84-473 and 84-474, ANRAD and NOI filed by Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division, for widening and reconstruction of a 1.2 mile section of Route 18 in Abington, from the northerly limit at the Weymouth town line to a point just north of the intersection with Randolph Street (Route 139) at the southerly limit. Meeting had actually been continued to November 26, with site walk scheduled for November 16.

Minutes: September 24, 2013 – motion to approve by Kathy, seconded by Jerry, unanimous.
October 8, 2013 – motion to approve by Jerry, seconded by Russ, unanimous.
October 22, 2013 – motion to approve by Russ, seconded by Jerry, 3 ayes, 1 abstention (Kathy).

Correspondence:

Copy of appeal of DEP Superseding Order of Conditions on #84-462. Copy of Amended Superseding Order of Conditions on #84-432, 932 Bedford Street.

Building permit locations were checked out by Jerry.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30p.m. made by Russ, seconded by Jerry, unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hurst