

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
781-982-2100**

**Minutes
September 10, 2013
Buckley Room
7:00 p.m.**

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

7:00 p.m. #SE084-471, NOI, Robert O'Connor, Custom Homes, 206 Mill Street, Randolph, for site work including removal of existing concrete retaining wall and replacing with precast concrete block wall; also the removal of the existing concrete foundation walls and rebuilding the foundation in the same location at 233 Margaret Road Extension, within the buffer zone. John Cotter of the Russell Wheatley Co. and Robert O'Connor gave presentation. Two single-family houses had been approved in 2004. They finished a single family home on one of the lots. The foundation and retaining wall were done on the second lot, but not finished. The Order of Conditions had expired, and they requested a Certificate of Compliance for uncompleted project. Mr. O'Connor would like to remove present retaining wall and replace with interlocking retaining wall and put a 4' fence on top of that. Needs to take out foundation and replace it. A botanist has gone out. There is a created wetlands. They would like to put in siltation fence along wetlands line. Proximity is close to wall and wetlands. He will be required to replace anything that is disturbed in the wetlands. Has requested to put in filter mitt, rather than siltation fence. Mike - there is a mulch in it, doesn't break apart as easy as haybales. Bill - does property have town sewer? Yes, already in place. There is replication on the other lot. Note #3 on plan references any disturbance to be replaced. They are within a couple of feet of detention basin.

Opened to floor - no comments and back to table. Motion to approve as presented made by Mike, seconded by Bill, unanimous. Hearing closed.

Order of Conditions: A1 (1 foot) cross out fencing , put in sock, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, b1, 2, 3, 7, G1-7 (5-50'), h2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, I-1, I-2. Special condition: siltation sock preferable as siltation barrier.

Open Space Plan update: Joe has spoken with Allan Chiocca, Rockland, to see how they established the rail trail. October 8th is Open Space Plan meeting, which other departments will be invited to attend.

Continued hearing, Abbreviated NOI filed by the Town of Abington, for the restoration/preservation of concrete memorial arch and attached bronze statuary at 200 Park Avenue, Island Grove Pond/Park. No excavation or new construction is involved. Doug Ulwick gave presentation. Not building or tearing anything down. Maintenance is within 30' of pond. Josh Craine is the Town's consultant and wrote up specs. Doug went over process. Bronze needs to be cleaned and then will be coated with a non-graffiti coating, then polished. Access will be limited to work area. There is 100' setback from pond. Process is specified, with options including steam cleaning and low impact sand blasting. It will

be enclosed to avoid overspray. There is a chemical list of proposed items that may be used. There will be a lead flashing cap on top of arch. Project will be a publically bid job. Order of Conditions should be part of bid packet. Whoever gets the bid would come before the commission. They will have to submit a staging proposal to building inspector. There will be less than 1,000 s.f. of disturbance.

DEP# hadn't been issued yet. Denis – who is accountable? Town Manager should be listed on NOI. Doug was acting as agent. Doug – would like an Order to go out to bid. Kathy – doesn't think they can do it that way. Denis – should the filing be revised? Doug – the applicant is the Town. Kathy – doesn't think the board can issue Order of Conditions at this point; contractor should come before board after bid is awarded. Doug – can't be exact as to which chemicals will be used on the specs because something may not work. Mike – deals with pesticides, understands what Doug is saying. Product may change, but will still have the same preventative measures.

Denis – what resource areas are we talking – fish, pond? Area is shown on National Heritage Endangered Species map. There is no actual delineation of bank. Bank should be shown on plan. Kathy – how is it going to be set up? How big is work area? Joe – area needs to be contained. Doug - there is a report on what is on it now. They will use peel-away product to remove existing material on arch. Joe suggested using worst case scenario. Doug – will be using scaffolding and shrouding it. Joe – has to be 100% contained. Denis – some of chemicals are harmful to fisheries. Joe - not comfortable using chemicals that are harmful to fisheries. How will they remove runoff? Kathy - wants to see lay down area. Commission didn't think it was necessary to hire botanist. Kathy thinks they need a botanist, didn't think they had enough information. Didn't think they needed engineer's plan, but thinks it needs to be flagged. Wants to see resource areas, parking, protocol for collection of liquid, more about chemicals to be used. Are there less harmful chemicals that could be used. Joe and Bill – felt containment is biggest issue. Would have to be 100% cleaned up every day. Doug – they are hoping to do this in early spring. Agreed to continue for DEP # and to meet with contractor. There will be a pre-bid conference on the site. Commission could be invited. Kathy – they can bring back questions to board.

Motion to continue indefinitely made by Jerry, seconded by Mike, unanimous.

#84-465, 0 Adams Street – received request to be continued for 30 days. Motion to continue to October 22, 2013 at 7 p.m. made by Bill, seconded by Russ, unanimous. Kathy – wants it re-advertised and abutters notified by certificate of mailing or certified mail.

Complaints:

Ann Welch – Vinnie D'Andrea is clearing, cutting trees on his property on Harvard Street. The activity has been very noisy and disruptive. There is cease and desist from the town from using that road. At top of hill is vacant lot that Mr. D'Andrea owns. Ann was under the impression that Mr. D'Andrea had been told to get an evaluation of the property re wetlands. Is requesting the board to go take a look.

Enforcement Order, 760 Brockton Avenue – Denis had gone out upon the request of Sharon White, Health Agent. Owner had been told to clear debris around dumpster, and culverts behind liquor store were filled with the debris. Denis issued an enforcement order to have the owner remove the debris

from the culvert and drainage areas at the back of the store, and keep them clear. Jerry – it has been cleaned up since then. Mike went out also and didn't note any debris. Enforcement order needs to be ratified by the board. Motion by Kathy to ratify the enforcement order, seconded by Jerry, unanimous.

Denis – brought up enforcement officer position within the board. This is needed for town departments to have a contact as needs arise. It was suggested sending out an e-mail and going down the list until someone is available. Board will give this further thought.

Minutes: motion to approve the minutes from August 27, 2013, made by Kathy, seconded by Bill, 6 ayes, 1 abstention (Joe).

Building permits – 811 Brockton Avenue, Doris Drive, 119 Walker Lane, 241 Jean Carol Road, 999 Adams Street (not signed), 267 N. Quincy Street, 45 Bayberry Road.

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. made by Mike, seconded by Russ, unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hurst