

**CONSERVATION
COMMISSION**

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MINUTES
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION
JULY 13, 2022
7:00 PM

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Commissioners Present: Jack Wiley (Chair), Al Goetz (Vice Chair), Betsy Dyer, Emidio DiVirgilio, Doug Burchesky

Absent: Bailey Ziemba and Dean Bebis, Landis Hershey, Conservation Agent

The Conservation Agent Report dated July 13, 2022 was given to members.

Wiley opened the meeting at 7 PM.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND DISCUSSIONS

Notice of Intent – 4 Palmer Avenue – Debra Gaudet – DEP# 315-1264

Wiley read the Notice of Public Hearing into the record.

John Glossa, Glossa Engineering, represented the applicant, and presented the plans for 4 Palmer Avenue. He explained that the applicant intended to construct a second dock on the property, and that the new path to the dock would split off of the existing mulch path. He explained that the wetlands were delineated a few years ago, as part of the Enforcement Order on 3 Palmer Avenue. Wiley read comments from the Town Engineer and the Board of Health. He then discussed comments and conditions from Hershey, in her absence. She recommended no additional alteration of wetlands or buffer zone for the installation of a second dock, that all storage of boats or equipment be located outside the wetland boundary and not alter additional vegetation within the buffer zone. She also requested that the name, address, and contact phone number be located on the dock.

Glossa agreed with the conditions.

Motion to close the Public Hearing for the Notice of Intent for 4 Palmer Avenue – Debra Gaudet – DEP# 315-1264 by Goetz, seconded by Dyer. Motion carries 4-0-1. (Wiley, Goetz, Dyer, DiVirgilio – Burchesky Abstained).

Wiley discussed the conditions.

Motion to issue the Order of Conditions and Land Disturbance Permit for 4 Palmer Avenue – Debra Gaudet – DEP# 315-1264 by Goetz, seconded by Dyer. Motion carries 4-0-1. (Wiley, Goetz, Dyer, DiVirgilio – Burchesky Abstained).

Notice of Intent – 4 Shoreview Drive – Sam Solomon – DEP# 315-1265

Wiley read the Notice of Public Hearing into the record, and followed that with a letter from the town engineer and Board of Health.

John Glossa, Glossa Engineering, presented the project on behalf of the applicant, explaining that they intend to construct the pool and patio. The property currently has a single-family home, and the lot slopes to the pond in the back yard. The plan included erosion controls, wall construction and plaques.

Wiley read Hershey's comments.

Burchesky asked if they would live load the materials as they dug the hole, and Glossa agreed. Dyer asked if there were concerns with the water table, and Glossa explained no.

Motion to close the Public Hearing for the Notice of Intent for 4 Shoreview Drive – Sam Solomon – DEP# 315-1265 was made by Goetz, seconded by Dyer. Motion carries 5-0-0 (Wiley, Goetz, Dyer, DiVirgilio, Burchesky).

Wiley discussed conditions, adding that a detail about the existing fence within the 25' buffer zone was existing with the subdivision construction.

Motion to issue the Order of for 4 Shoreview Drive – Sam Solomon – DEP# 315-1265 was made by Goetz, seconded by Dyer. Motion carries 5-0-0 (Wiley, Goetz, Dyer, DiVirgilio, Burchesky).

Bird Middle School Drainage

Marissa Valentino, Nitsch Engineering, explained that they are returning to Conservation Commission to show the detail for the swale along the bus access.

Wiley read the letter from the Town Engineer.

Valentino explained that they have created a closed drainage system, which exists into a forbay and flows into a swale. The flow was designed with a 10-year storm calculation.

Wiley read Hershey's comments.

DiVirgilio confirmed that the swale will be built along the bus road.

Dyer confirmed that there are check dams along the swale area.

GENERAL BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Minutes – 6/22/2022

Motion to approve the 6/22/2022 minutes as amended was made by Dyer, seconded by Burchesky. Motion carries 4-0-1 (Wiley, Goetz, Dyer, Burchesky – DiVirgilio Abstained).

Master Plan Update

None

Conservation Land Management

None

Pinnacle Point Update

None

Stormwater Inspection Signage

Burchesky explained that Lake Champlain area has signage for free Stormwater inspections, and wanted to share the concept with the commission members.

Enforcement Orders***1900 Main Street, DEP#315-1043***

Wiley explained that they will work to schedule a site visit.

Burns Ave – Wall Street Development

Wiley explained that erosion controls have been added in the riverfront area, and that the Agent will need to determine when to expect the monthly report.

Request for Certificate of Compliance***Summer Street, 323 & 327 – DEP#315-1099***

Wiley explained that there are issues that need to be resolved, and the item will remain on the agenda for next month's meeting.

Correspondence***Culvert/Bridge Repair/Replacement***

Wiley explained that the culvert along the rail road line behind Cumberland Farms on Main Street will be replaced.

Appeals***DOA Wall Street Development – Pinnacle Historic Mill Complex***

Wiley explained that there is a new officer assigned to the case and that no date has been set at this time.

Motion to adjourn the July 13, 2022 Conservation Commission meeting was made by Dyer, seconded by DiVirgilio. Motion carries 5-0-0. 0 (Wiley, Goetz, Dyer, DiVirgilio, Burchesky).

Documents referenced:

6/22/2022 Agenda

4 Palmer Avenue – Plan of Land

4 Palmer Avenue – Town Engineer Letter, BOH Letter

4 Shoreview Lane - Plan of Land

4 Shoreview Lane - Town Engineer Letter, BOH Letter

Bird Middle School – Revised Swale Plan

Conservation Agent Report (dated 7/13/2022)