

**Town of Westwood**  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Minutes: Conservation Commission Meeting Date: July 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Location: Remote Meeting**

**7:00 p.m. – Call to Order**

The Westwood Conservation Commission meeting of **Wednesday July 8, 2020 at 7:00 PM. is being held** through Zoom due to the COVID-19 state of emergency and in compliance with the Governor's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law MGL C. 30A, §18 and the Governor's March 23 Emergency Order imposing limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place. To Join Zoom Webinar by Computer: Zoom webinar link (or url) Please click the link below to join the webinar:  
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**Action Items:**

1. **Request for Certificate of Compliance – 72 Reservoir Road – DEP - #338-0667** - The Commission opened the public hearing and reviewed copies of the request for Certificate of Compliance for DEP #338-0667, including the following:

1. Letter of significant compliance, dated 6/18/2020, from Joyce Hastings of GLM Engineering Consultants, Inc., 19 Exchange Street, Holliston, MA 01746, including one (1) page;
2. As-built Plan titled "FINAL GRADING AS-BUILT Lot C #72 Reservoir Road Westwood, Massachusetts for Walsh Brothers Building Co. Inc., 11 Saddle Way, Walpole, MA dated 5/22/2020, stamped and signed by Joyce Hastings of GLM Engineering Consultants, Inc., including one (1) page;
3. WPA Form 8A – Request for Certificate of Compliance, including two (2) pages;

Ms. Catrone states she inspected the site on 7/6/2020. The lot is stabilized and all required stormwater measures have been installed. She recommends the Commission issue a complete Certificate of Compliance for this lot.  
**Motion made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Sheer to issue the Certificate of Compliance for DEP file #338-0667. Unanimous.**

**Approval of Minutes:** tabled

**Public Hearings:**

**587 Hartford Street – Request for Determination of Applicability – Palmer/Quinn** - The Commission opened the public hearing and reviewed copies of a Request for Determination of Applicability for 587 Hartford Street, including the following:

Carby Street Municipal Building • 50 Carby Street • Westwood, MA 02090

1. WPA Form 1, dated 6/15/2020 and signed by Malcolm Quinn, owner, including thirty (30) pages;
2. Sketch plan titled 587 Hartford Street – GIS Exhibit, including one (1) page;

Present is Jonathan Niro, Wetlands Specialist representing the owners of 587 Hartford Street. The owners, Malcolm Quinn and Jeanette Palmer, would like to install an above ground pool. Mr. Niro states the contractors will take off the top soil and add clean sand to the area designated for the pool. There is no grading required. One (1) foot of gravel will surround the pool to infiltrate spilled water.

Mr. Rogers states the Commission recommends compost sock as erosion control. He asks how the equipment will get to the back yard.

Mr. Niro states the equipment can access via the upland side of the yard.

Mr. Sullivan states the yard is fairly flat. Discharge through grass will allow a lot of treatment.

**Motion made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Sheer to issue a Determination of Applicability with the condition a compost sock mark the limit of work. Unanimous.**

**453 Clapboardtree Street - Notice of Intent - DEP#338-0708 – O’Doherty** - The Commission opened the public hearing and reviewed copies of a Notice of Intent filing for 453 Clapboardtree Street, including the following:

1. Plans titled “453 CLAPBOARDTREE STREET WESTWOOD MASSACHUSETTS PROPOSED SITE PLAN” dated 4/6/2020 and stamped by Peter Nolan of Peter Nolan and Associates, LLC of 80 Jewett Street, Suite 1, Newton, MA 02458, including one (1) sheet;
2. Notice of Intent dated 6/19/2020 submitted by Seamus and Helen O’Doherty of 453 Clapboardtree Street, Westwood, MA, including thirty one (31) pages;

Present is Seamus O’Doherty requesting an Order of Conditions to construct a 24’ by 24’ garage in the rear yard. The Commission requests a compost sock be added down gradient of the garage.

**Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Maneva, to issue the Order of Conditions with standard conditions and a compost sock installed down gradient of the garage. Unanimous.**

**42 Mill Street - Notice of Intent - DEP#338-0706 – Vinci** - The Commission opened the public hearing and reviewed copies of a Notice of Intent filing for 42 Mill Street, including the following:

1. Plans titled “SITE PLAN PROPOSED SITE PLAN OF LAND LOT 2B – MILL STREET WESTWOOD, MASSACHUSETTS” and “UTILITIES PLAN PROFILE PROPOSED SITE PLAN OF LAND LOT 2B – MILL STREET WESTWOOD, MASSACHUSETTS” dated Nov. 2, 2018 and stamped by Paul Truax of GLM Engineering Consultants, Inc. of 19 Exchange Street, Holliston, MA 01746, including two (2) sheets;
2. Notice of Intent dated June 18, 2020 submitted by Goddard Consulting LLC of 291 Main Street, Suite 8 Northborough, MA 01532, including forty two (42) pages;

Present is Scott Goddard representing Salvatore Vinci, applicant. The applicant is requesting an Order of Conditions for the construction of a single family home, paving of a driveway and construction of associated structures on the property.

Mr. Goddard states this is a four acre lot with a pond, dam, riverfront area, bordering vegetated wetland and flood plain. This property shares a driveway with 44 Mill Street. The house is shown on the only area on the property that it will fit. A small portion of the house is in the inner riparian zone. All work is outside the 10 foot no disturb zone. There is an old drainage ditch under the driveway. The project would need to be tied into sewer. Sewer would be installed via directional drilling. All new work is under 5,000 sq. ft.

Mr. Sullivan asks what condition the dam is in.

Mr. Goddard states there is a lot of vegetation growing on and around the dam. The roots are causing leaks.

Mr. Rogers states the dam needs maintenance.

Ms. Maneva states there are a lot of invasive species present and the roadway is narrow. She is not sure this driveway would meet the safety requirements of the town.

Mr. Sheer states this site has been before the commission several times.  
Mr. Sullivan asks if there is ledge in this area of the directional drilling.  
Mr. Goddard states, regarding the directional drilling, we are not expecting ledge to be a problem.  
Mr. Rogers states there are a lot of significant issues on this site. I would like the commission to hire a peer review consultant to look at this project. Everyone has an interest in seeing the dam repaired.  
Artur Yudxinsky of 44 Mill Street, states there is an easement for the driveway. He states he will not allow the drilling to go through his property.  
Mr. Rogers states the commission must make their discussion based on the impacts to the interests of the Wetland Protection Act.  
Gregg Buckley of 41 Mill Brook Road, states this is a highly volatile area. Mill Brook is a cold water fishery. Temperature change could change the habitat significantly.  
Richard Tschirch of 31 Mill Brook Road states this area was a working mill.  
Hossein Mostafaei of 60 Mill Street states the area would be affected by driveway construction. This could probably not be made wide enough for two cars to pass.  
Kerry Snyder from NWA states she submitted a written comment documenting why this proposed work would not be beneficial in this area. She would also like to speak to someone about removing the dam.  
Mr. Rogers states there is an interest in looking at the issues related to the dam. If a peer review is done we will have someone looking at the technical problems. There are a tremendous number of issues related to this project.  
**Motion made by Ms. Maneva, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to hire a peer review consultant at the expense of the applicant. Unanimous.**

**Discussion Items:**

**8 Autumn Drive** – Present is Linda and Dan Constantine, owners of 8 Autumn Lane. Ms. Constantine states the patio is currently graded toward the house and the basement is flooding. The end of the driveway is also flooding. The owners would like to regrade the yard and patio and remove the end of the driveway and replace this area with pavers  
Mr. Rogers states this work could impact the wetland area. This work could be done under a Request for determination. He states the owner should get a qualified contractor so there is no impact to the 35 foot buffer, the plantings required under the previous Order of Conditions or the wetland resource area.

**Motion made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Sheer, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous.**