

Town of Westwood
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes: Conservation Commission Meeting Date: July 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
Location: Remote Meeting

7:00 p.m. – Call to Order

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The following members are present: Helen Gordon, Vesna Maneva, R.J. Sheer, Stephen David and Todd Sullivan. Member John Rogers and Todd Weston were absent. Conservation Agent, Karon Skinner Catrone and potential new member Josh Ames were also present.

Approval of Minutes:

Consideration of minutes for meeting of March 25, 2020, April 8, 2020, April 22, 2020, May 27, 2020, June 10, 2020, June 24, 2020 and July 8, 2020.

Motion made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Ms. Gordon to table the minutes to the meeting of September 9, 2020. Unanimous.

Mr. David recuses himself from the next discussion item.

Action Items:

8 Autumn Drive – Request for Determination of Applicability – Palmer/Quinn - The Commission opened the public hearing and reviewed copies of a Request for Determination of Applicability for 8 Autumn Drive, including the following:

1. WPA Form 1, dated 6/15/2020 and signed by Linda Constantine, owner, including nine (9) pages;
2. Sketch plan plan, including one (1) page;

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. 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.

Request for Certificate of Compliance – 22 Hedgerow Land – DEP - #338-0677 - The Commission opened the public hearing and reviewed copies of the request for Certificate of Compliance for DEP #338-0677, including the following:

1. Letter of significant compliance, dated 7/20/2020, from Matthew Smith of Norwood Engineering, 1410 Route One, Norwood, MA 02026, including one (1) page;
2. As-built Plan titled “ASBUILT PLAN AT 22 HEDGEROW LANE IN WESTWOOD, MA” dated July 20, 2020, stamped and signed by Matthew Smith of Norwood Engineering, including one (1) page;
3. WPA Form 8A – Request for Certificate of Compliance, including one (3) page;

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 issues the Certificate of Compliance for this lot.

Motion made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Sheer to issue the Certificate of Compliance for DEP file #338-0677. Unanimous.

Hearings:

Mr. David recuses himself from this hearing.

116 Oak Street - Notice of Intent - DEP#338-0 - David - The Commission opened the public hearing and reviewed copies of a Notice of Intent filing for 116 Oak Street, including the following:

1. Plans titled “SITE PLAN – DEMOLITION IN WESTWOOD, MASSACHUSETTS” dated 6/29/2020 and “SITE PLAN GRADING AND DRAINAGE IN WESTWOOD, MASSACHUSETTS” dated 6/29/2020, stamped by Gregory Bunaviczi of Borderland Engineering, 11 Pleasant , Randolph, MA, including two (2) sheets;
2. Notice of Intent dated 7/7/2020 submitted by Gregory Bunaviczi of Borderland Engineering, 11 Pleasant , Randolph, MA, including sixteen (16) pages;

Present is Stephen David of 601 High Street Dedham Ma. Mr. David is requesting an Order of Conditions to demolish the existing garage and house on the site and construct a new single family home.

Mr. David states there was an Order of Conditions for the construction of the garage (DEP file #338-0472). This work was not completed. The work within the buffer zone consists of the removal of the garage. The construction of the new house is outside the 100 foot buffer zone.

Ms. Maneva asks what will be planted in the area of the garage removal.

Mr. David states this will be returned to pervious area. The area will be lawn. There will be landscaping (trees and shrubs) with the construction of the house.

Mr. Sullivan asks if the runoff will be infiltrated.

Mr. David states this project will go through the building permit check off process. Ms. Catrone will have an opportunity to comment at that time. The house construction is outside of the 100 foot buffer.

Motion made by Ms. Gordon, seconded by Ms. Maneva, to issue the Order of Conditions with standard conditions. Unanimous.

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