

TOWN OF WENHAM

Conservation Commission
Meeting of April 25, 2016
Wenham Town Hall, 138 Main Street

Pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30 A, §18-25, written notice posted by the Town Clerk delivered to all Board members, a meeting of the Conservation Commission was held on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 7 PM in the Selectmen Chambers.

With a quorum present, Mr. Colarusso called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Board Members Present: Philip Colarusso, Chair; Leo Maestranzi; Michael Novak; Robert Burnett; Malcolm Reid

Not Present: Jerome Hunsaker

Also present; Anthony Fields, Interim Planning Administrator; Catherine Tinsley, Recording Secretary

Public Information

Agenda

Lakeview- ANRAD

MBTA application

New Business

Potential NOI for pool replacement - 137 Larch Row

Mike DeRosa, DeRosa Environmental Consulting, was present with the potential buyers of the property located at 137 Larch Row.

Mr. DeRosa explained the buyers are interested in property only if the pool can be rebuilt and were asking for a sense of the Commission.

The pool, which is located behind the house in the buffer zone, has not been used for 10 years and is beyond repair. It would be rebuilt on the same foot print.

In addition, the white pines surrounding the pool are now 60-70 feet in height and pose a problem to the pool. The buyers were willing to mitigate the removal of the trees with other plantings.

The request would be to rebuild the pool in the same exact location and remove five (5) of the white pine

This area, including the pool, pines, and wetlands were referenced on a map of the parcel.

Mr. DeRosa showed the path for the equipment to access the rear of the property to avoid the septic and minimize the impact.

Although no definitive answer was given, the Commissioners did not see any immediate fail flaw.

The buyers will proceed with an NOI after the purchase.

Request for Determination of Applicability

Applicant: Keolis / MBTA

Location: Keolis Commuter Services Right of Way

Project: Renewal of vegetative maintenance plan along railroad right of way, within the 100-foot adjacent upland resource area to a bordering vegetated wetland.

Kyle Fair of Fair Dermody, was present for the MBTA to explain the maintenance plan to reduce low growing vegetation; it is not meant for shrubs or trees.

He provided a copy of the map he referenced of the area along the tracks in Wenham to be included in the maintenance plan. The map was color coded to identify 10 foot no spray zones near wetlands, culverts, vernal pools, sensitive areas, etc. and the 11 to 100-foot zone.

These areas will all be verified prior to the application scheduled to be done in late June early July.

The application is done from a truck and a person licensed in herbicide application will accompany the vehicle.

Mr. Fair noted some uplands may get another application in late August.

The Commission was provided with a list of the chemicals used, noting they are all from the DAR list for sensitive areas.

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The hearing was open to the public for comment. Seeing none, the hearing was closed.

Vote: Mr. Maestranzi moved and it was second to issue a Negative Determination as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD)

Applicant: Atlantic Tambone

Location: 56 & 60 Main Street (Lakeview Golf Course)

Project: Confirmation of delineation of wetland resources and watercourses

Present: John Dick, Senior Wetlands Scientist, Hancock Associates representing Atlantic Tambone

Mr. Dick stated he was doing preliminary working from a plan dated 2008; the wetlands were delineated by Donohoe & Parkhurst.

The only pertinent area of the development/construction flagged was the northern section.

There is one large A series wetland in the southern front corner of the property towards Wenham Lake.

The feeder brook was not delineated due to this area being on the fairways.

There are three B/C wetlands with possible shallow ledge

It was concluded there is no septic dump out

The developer will abide by the Wenham Bylaws; no work is anticipated to be done in the buffer zone.

John Darling, General Counsel for the Salem Beverly Supply Water Board (SBWSB) was present accompanied by Ann Marton, President & Director of Ecological Services, Wakefield MA, retained by the SBWSB.

In summary, Mr. Darling said the SBWSB oversees and operates the Wenham Lake Reservoir which supplies water for the cities of Salem and Beverly and a small number of homes in Wenham where septic and water are supplied through Beverly. The Board monitors activities around the lake as a protected water source.

Ms. Marton gave a brief presentation and referenced a comment letter from the SBWSB.

Ms. Marton stated no site visit has been done at this time. A request will be made to walk the property during which time she would confirm no tributaries are flowing to the lake and the construction plans remain beneficial for all parties.

The Plan showed the approximate location of a 36 -inch water main between Longham Reservoir and Wenham Lake. There is the concern that the plan submitted show easements and drainage accurately and an existing condition plans.

Ed Kellner, 62 Main Street was recognized by the Chair. He asked various questions relative to the relationship of the wetlands to his property, noting the area is not as wet as it has been.

He noted of concern that there is water pooling in his yard since a pipe was repaired.

Mr. Dick will look into these concerns.

The Commission scheduled a site walk for Friday April 29.

VOTE: Mr. Maestranzi moved, and it was seconded, to continuance the hearing to a date certain of May 9th, 2016 in town hall at 7 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

Notice of Intent (NOI) – Continued Public Hearing

Applicant: Charles Davis

Consultant present: Domestic Septic Design Inc. (Daniel Johnson)

Location: 157 Grapevine Road

Project: Portions of proposed driveway and fill and retaining wall within the 100 foot adjacent upland resource area to a bordering vegetated wetland.

Mr. Johnson was previously before the Commission with a septic plan within the buffer zone, and was directed to submit a plan with the system entirely out of the 100-foot Buffer Zone.

A retaining wall is part of the plan to keep peak run of away from the leaching field.

Mr. Johnson presented a revised septic design with the leaching field 101 feet from the wetlands, meeting all Title V and Wenham BOH regulations, as requested.

The Commissioners appreciated the new design and had no concerns or comments

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*VOTE: Mr. Maestranzi moved, and it was seconded, to grant the Notice of Intent for 157 Grapevine Road.
The motion carried unanimously*

Other Matters

Potential unauthorized tree clearing in Buffer at 332 Grapevine Road/Toppan Lane and Potential unauthorized activity in Buffer at 338 Grapevine Road

Present: Aniso Groberio 332 Grapevine/ Toppen lane

Present: Milt Hamilton 338 Grapevine Road

There is an animal pen in the wetlands.

The property owners were advised that no animal keeping is allowed in the wetlands and must be moved a significant distance away from wetlands.

The Commission was granted permission to access the property. A site visit was scheduled for Friday, April 29, 2016.

Potential unauthorized tree clearing in Buffer at 106 Cedar Street. Mr. Stevens will be contacted to set up a site visit for April 29, 2016.

Potential unauthorized activity – 198 Topsfield Road of excess fill brought on site without permit
A notice was sent but there has been no response to date.

Administrative Business

- Minutes - The minutes were held for review.
- Interviews for a Land Use Coordinator are scheduled for next Wednesday.
- The Town is pursuing grant to hire a consultant to assist the town with updating the Open Space and Recreation Plan. The Town will be seeking an endorsement from the Commission.
Spring Hill (Dodges Row) filed their appeal of the order

Adjournment

The Commission unanimously adjourned at 8 pm

Respectfully submitted by

Catherine Tinsley
5.10.16