

TOWN OF WENHAM

Conservation Commission
Meeting of May 9, 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, MAY 9, 2016 at 7 PM in the Selectmen Chambers.

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

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

Not Present: Jerome Hunsaker; Malcolm Reid

Also Present: Anthony Fields, Interim Land Use Coordinator; Catherine Tinsley, Recording Secretary

Continued Public Hearing

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

Abbreviations used:

SBWSB - Salem Beverly Water Supply Board

ANRAD - Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation

ORAD – Order of Resource Area Delineation

Mr. Dick referenced a plan to show the 400-foot zone of Wenham Lake saying information provided by the Salem Beverly Water Supply Board was used; this was not determined by survey.

The overflow elevation was confirmed at 34.70.

Mr. Dick referenced the existing house on the property at 60 Main Street. This house may be used for the affordable housing units. This is in Zone A. The septic system is 18 years old and located under the parking lot used for the golf course; if the house is used as part of the development, the septic would be redesigned and a new system installed. Additional surveying will be done as needed.

The remainder of this corner nearest Wenham Lake is underwater.

Mr. Dick stated a 6th note would be added to the plan to elaborate on this area in the 400-foot zone.

Regarding the excessive water in the neighbors' yard, it appears the repair of a pipe break repair done years ago, was done by fitting a smaller piece of pipe in at the break point and this is the cause of the water pooling; this will be further looked into and repaired.

The Commissioners had no comments or questions and the meeting was opened to the public.

Ann Marton, LEC Environmental Consultants, Inc. President, Director of Ecological Services was present for the Salem & Beverly Water Supply Board.

Attending but not participating were Thomas Knowlton, Salem & Beverly Water Supply Board Executive Director and John Darling, Legal Counsel for Salem Beverly Water Supply Board.

Ms. Marton reported on the April 29, 2016 site visit to the Lakeview property.

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Present that day for the SBWSB were Ann Marton, Tom Knowlton, Executive Director, Peter Smyrnios, Superintendent

Commissioners present: Phil Colarusso, and Mike Novak

For the Applicant Tambone Atlantic: John Dick, Hancock Associates

Ms. Marton focused her comments on the wetland system in the (south) corner of the lot nearest Wenham Lake, considered 60 Main Street.

Ms. Marton confirmed:

The water flows easterly away from Wenham Lake (eventually feeding into Longham Reservoir).

In the event of an of an extreme storm (e.g. 50-year storm) the water in that stream would flow “backward” into Wenham Lake.

Ms. Marton stated the concern with the information presented by Mr. Dick included informational plans only provided by BSWSB as a courtesy to Hancock Associates during the site visit, that is now shown on the plan for the ANRAD and that Hancock includes only information confirmed by survey.

Text note (6) added to the ANRAD plan:

“The location of the 400-foot zone a from the bank of the Wenham Lake reservoir as depicted on this plan was not determined by field survey. The location was determined from the other available information and is approximate. If any work is proposed in the vicinity of the Zone A shall be determined buy a field survey by a Massachusetts professional land surveyor”.

Mr. Dick said he would have the plans corrected and stamped.

Ms. Marton went on to reference the HCA, saying it is required that the new development Must be 500 feet back from Main Street; this will incorporate 400-foot setback from the lake. This does not apply to the current dwelling on site.

Ms. Martin said if the driveway and / or utilities for the development go through Zone A, the storm water management regulations would apply.

Ms. Marton provided the Commission with the requested wording for Note 6 and proposed the following condition into any ORAD decision from her letter dated May 9, 2016:

Prior to submittal of site development plans to the zoning Board of appeals, planning board, board of health, conservation commission, and/or any other state or local board, Commission or agency, the applicant, through their own survey efforts, Shell survey locate the elevation of the concrete weir structure and the elevation of when I’m lake am place such data on all plans along with the corresponding 400-foot zone an extending from the upper boundary of bank to Wenham Lake.

VOTE: Mr. Novak moved, and it was seconded, that the Conservation Commission approve the request for the resource area delineation and include changes in the findings to both items C, D, and E for the revised plan date and item G be revised to include the Note (6) to be added to the ANRAD from LEC Environmental in letter dated May 9, 2016. 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

The animal structure was confirmed to be in the wetlands. The property owners were told to move it away from the wetlands. The grade changes and it does not need to be moved too far so it drains away from wetlands; this is a temporary situation. Those involved have been informed this will not be allowed again.

Potential unauthorized tree clearing in Buffer at 106 Cedar Street

A letter was sent to the property owners on record; there has been no response to date. Another letter will be sent before action is taken.

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Potential unauthorized activity at 198 Topsfield Road

The Building Inspector referred this to the Planning Board. Excessive fill was brought in and allegedly is causing excessive run off and potential contamination. It is not known yet if this will come before the Conservation Commission.

- The Town Administrator issued a notice that the Board of Selectmen would be appointing an Open Space and Recreation Committee to update the Towns' open space and recreation plan. Anyone interested in serving on this committee should send a letter of interest to the Town Administrators office by Wednesday, May 11. Mr. Colarusso said he submitted a letter of interest and encouraged other Commissioners to consider serving on this committee. The Town will be seeking a grant from the state for \$8000 to hire a consultant to assist this committee. The commissioners signed the grant Application.

Administrative Business

- The Commissioners were reminded to take the state ethics exam and turn the certificate of completion in to the Town Clerk; this is required of every town employee, and all appointed and elected positions every two years.
- Town Council is holding a training session on May 26 for all town boards, committees and commissions that hold public hearings. The commissioners were asked to make this meeting a priority.
- Mr. Maestranzi is serving on the interview committee to fill the land-use coordinator position. He reported that six candidates were interviewed this past week and final interviews would be Monday evening may 16. This meeting is open to the public.

Minutes: January 25, 2016; March 14, 2016; April 11, 2016

VOTE: Mr. Maestranzi moved to approve the minutes of January 25, 2016; March 14, 2016; April 11, 2016 and it was unanimous to do so.

Adjournment

The Commission unanimously adjourned at 8 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Catherine Tinsley
5.10.16