



THE TOWN of MERRIMAC
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
4 School St., Merrimac
MASSACHUSETTS 01860

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes Tuesday, July 27, 2021

Members present: Robert Prokop (chair), Jon Pearson, Arthur Yarranton, Jerome Mathieu, William Andrulitis, and Gregory MacLean. Conservation Agent Jay Smith was present.

Meeting called to order at 6:45pm.

R. Prokop recuses self and J. Pearson assumes the chair.

Cont. Public Hearing --- Public Hearing --- Notice of Intent --- Victor and Carol Mancini, 17 Bisson Lane --- For the razing and rebuilding of a single-family home, retaining wall repair and a dock within the buffer zone to the bank of Lake Attitash.

Mr. Mancini was in attendance and was represented by Robert Prokop. A revised plan was submitted detailing responses to the questions brought up at the last meeting. Replacement of the retaining wall was removed from the project. The Commission was satisfied that all issues were addressed. W. Andrulitis made a motion to issue an OC with the Standard and the following Special Conditions:

Pesticides, insecticides and herbicides shall not be used on site within 100 feet of a resource area. Fertilizer used for landscaping and lawn care shall be low in nitrogen content and shall be used in moderation. Erosion control consisting of a silt sock installed using Merrimac guidelines shall be placed along the property between the lake and work area. Erosion control measures shall be installed by the applicant and shall be inspected by the MCC prior to any other work under this Order. Erosion control shall indicate the limit of work.

Crushed stone shall be placed along the entire foundation at least 3.5ft. off of the foundation at a depth approved by the agent. The water line, sewer and gas installation detail shall be submitted and approved by the agent before work begins. All stockpiled materials shall be covered with a tarp or placed in a dumpster for removal offsite. The motion was seconded by G. MacLean with a unanimous vote of approval (5-0).

B. Prokop assumes the chair

Public Hearing --- Public Hearing --- Notice of Intent --- Pamela and Tyler Drolet, 99 River Rd. --- To raze an existing single-family dwelling and to construct a new single-family dwelling, to construct a patio/landscaping improvements, to install a wooden stairway within the 200 foot Riverfront Area and 100 foot Wetland Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands and to install a seasonal float within the Merrimack River.

Mr. and Ms. Drolet were in attendance along with Greg Hochmuth (wetland scientist). Hochmuth explained the project. Issues were brought up concerning water infiltration from the roof and invasive removal. The Hearing was continued with the approval of the applicant to revise the plan and address the issues raised.

Public Hearing --- Request for Determination of Applicability --- Frank Carvalho, 1 Farrington Field Rd. --- For building a garage within the buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland.

Mr. Carvalho was in attendance. The material was reviewed and decided that a Notice of Intent was not necessary considering that it adhered to the bylaws and would not affect any resource area with minor conditions imposed. It was noted that a small area of wetlands had been mowed for a long time. Mr. Carvalho proposed replacing lawn with crushed stone along the side of the garage. With no other comments J. Pearson made a motion to issue a Negative 3 Determination with the following conditions: Erosion control around the area facing the wetlands, three granite markers along the wetland line, limiting mowing, and the agent checking the installation of erosion controls before work begins. The motion was seconded by J. Mathieu with a unanimous vote of approval (6-0). Mr. Carvalho was also issued a PCOC for the release of his lot from the Conditions associated with the Farrington Field subdivision.

Public Hearing --- Request for Determination of Applicability --- Richmond Allen, 67 W. Shore Rd --- For the construction of stairs, platform and dock within the buffer zone to the bank of Lake Attitash.

Mr. Allen was and in attendance and described what he wanted to do. This was an addition to a previously requested and approved deck. Considering that the steps contributed to preventing erosion, that the stairs were replacements upgraded, and the dock was within DEP limits on size, G. MacLean made a motion to issue a Neg. 3 Determination with the following condition: Notice to the agent when work begins. The motion was seconded by J. Pearson with a unanimous vote of approval.

Discussion: 25 Nichols St.--- COC Request.

The Commission agreed (6-0) to the request provided that 4 granite markers be installed 10 ft. from the intermittent stream. The reason for the markers was that

they were required in the original conditions but not installed. The Agent was directed to hold off on the COC issuance until an inspection and approval of the installed markers was made.

Discussion: Be Well, Broad St. --- COC Request and dead tree issue.

The Commission agreed to request that the business replace the trees that had died before a COC could be issued.

Discussion: West Main Development --- Comments.

The Commission could not provide any comments until it received a plan to review.

The next C.C meeting is August 24, 2021, 6:45pm., at the Public Library.