



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

**Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, August 24, 2021**  
**Zoom Meeting**

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

Meeting called to order at 6:45pm. Via Zoom.

By mutual agreement Wystan Umland was appointed as the seventh member of the Conservation Commission.

**Cont. Public Hearing --- Public Hearing --- Notice of Intent DEP# 45-306 --- Pamela and Tyler Drolet, 99 River Rd.** --- To raze an existing single-family dwelling, construct a new single-family dwelling, install a patio, landscaping improvements, construct a wooden stairway, and to install a seasonal float within the 200 ft. Riverfront Area and buffer zone to bordering vegetated wetlands.

A revised plan was presented by Greg Hochmuth including inground capture of roof runoff. The Commission was satisfied with the changes. J. Mathieu made a motion to issue an Order of conditions with the normal Special and Standard Conditions. The motion was seconded by G. MacLean with a unanimous vote of approval (6- 0).

**Public Hearing --- Public Hearing --- Notice of Intent DEP# --- Daniel Schultz, 117 River Rd.** --- For the installation of an in-ground pool, patio, wood platform and seasonal dock.

Greg Hochmuth represented the applicant and explained the project which included a pool, patio, wooden deck, and seasonal dock. Natural Heritage had not responded as of this meeting. A DEP number had been issued. Issues were brought up concerning the scope of the project. Hochmuth stated that the dock would be stored offsite. There was an issue of the existing property line and how it cut into the back yard. A portion of the house was on the adjacent Town property but in that case only, an easement was obtained. The Commission asked the applicant to talk to Robert Sinibaldi to see if the Town had any issues with the

land taken. The Commission asked for and received permission to continue the Hearing pending a site visit to better assess the property. Mr. Hochmuth had no objection to the request. Hearing was continued to the next scheduled meeting.

**Public Hearing --- Request for Determination of Applicability --- Jennifer Neville, 3 Lake Ave. --** For foundation work within 100 ft. of Lake Attitash.

After a review of the limited nature of the project which was removal and replacement of foundation piers J. Mathieu made a motion to issue a Neg. 3 Determination with conditions. The Conditions were erosion control installed between the lake and the work and any spoils generated be removed offsite. The motion was seconded by G. MacLean with a unanimous vote of approval (7-0).

**Discussion:** 7 West Hadley Rd. DEP# 45-303 --- Plan changes request.

Considering that the request was a minimal change to the footprint of the house and no changes to the approved Conditions were requested, the Commission unanimously agreed to make the revised plan the final approved plan.

**Discussion:** Jennifer and Caleb Sands --- trail project off Broad St.

Jennifer Sands explained the material presented including location of the proposed trail, wetlands crossings and filing information. The Commission asked that any brush cut shall be arraigned in small piles for wildlife habitat and cut logs shall be lined along the trail. The Sands family would assume stewardship of the trail's maintenance. A late fall starting date was proposed by the applicants. The Commission requested that a week's notice be given to the Agent when work will begin to oversee the project. The Commission unanimously agreed to allow the project to proceed as agreed.

**Discussion:** minutes.

The review of the July minutes was tabled to another meeting.

**The next C.C meeting is September, 28, 2021, 6:45pm., at the Public Library.**