

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Date: February 15, 2022
Time: 6:00 -8:16 pm
Place: Hybrid Meeting COB 2nd Floor
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With a quorum present, the meeting opened at 6:00 pm, Ed Goodwin presiding as Chair. David Barnicle joined the meeting virtually. Steven Chidester was absent.

DECISIONS

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. 57 Caron Road-Notice of Intent-Shoreline Wall repair-DEP File #300-1121

- Owner/Applicant: Jesse & Jennifer Casaubon Representatives: L. Jalbert, Jalbert Engineering
- Request: Issue an OOC
- Documents Presented: n/a
- Jurisdiction: bank
- Project Summary
 - Project includes the repair and reconstruction of a shoreline retaining wall.
- Presentation and Discussion:
 - Abutter notification and proof of Legal Ad verified.
 - An OOC was recently issued for work on this property within the Buffer Zone. The condition of the wall was unknown to the new property owners. A new OOC is required for this work. An amendment is not applicable as new resource area impact proposed (Bank).
 - Applicant is responsible to get permitting through Chapter 91 (if required).
 - Most of the work is repointing of the shoreline wall, there will be additional work in the area of the boathouse.
 - The Agent recommends approval of the project, all work should be finished during lake draw down and an as-built plan shall be submitted to show compliance.
- Public Comment:
 - none
- Vote: On a motion by E. Gaspar, 2nd by R. Bishop the Commission vote to close the Public Hearing for 57 Caron Road. AIF 4-0
- On a motion of E. Gaspar, 2nd by R. Bishop the commission vote to issue and Order of Conditions for DEP File #300-1121, 57 Caron Road with the addition of removal of the dock at the owners discretion. AIF 4-0

2. 165 Shepard Road-Local Bylaw NOI-proposed single family home and associated site work

- Owner/Applicant: T. Davidson Representatives: L. Jalbert, Jalbert Engineering
- Request: Issue an OOC
- Documents Presented: colored site plan
- Jurisdiction: buffer zone
- Project Summary
 - Project includes the construction of a single family house associated appurtenances to include private septic and well. A public hearing was held at the SCC's Jan. 27, 2022 meeting. At that time, the SCC was provided with an affidavit that abutter notifications had been made. The SCC reviewed and approved the project at that hearing. After the hearing, the SCC had been made aware that the hearing time had been listed inaccurately. Due to this concern, the SCC requested that a new hearing be held to allow anyone from the public to comment.
- Presentation and Discussion:
 - Abutter notification and proof of Legal Ad verified.
 - The applicant re-notified abutters and reposted a legal ad after discovering an error in the original notification.
 - Any additional work outside this limit of work would require a future filing.
 - The Commission had nothing additional for questions or comments.



**Conservation
Agent**

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- Public Comment:
 - Alex Blaine(154 Shepard Road) questions the location of the reserve septic and when the project would get started. L. Jalbert provided a brief explanation on both questions.
- Vote: On a motion by E. Gaspar, 2nd by R. Bishop the Commission vote to close the Public Hearing for 165 Shepard Road. AIF 4-0

3. **53 Hillside Drive-continued RDA-proposed single family home and associated site work**

- Owner/Applicant: John Rowley Representatives: P. Engle, McClure Engineering
- Request: Issue a Determination
- Documents Presented: n/a
- Jurisdiction: unknown
- Project Summary
 - Project was continued to allow time to for additional proposals for peer review.
- Presentation and Discussion:
 - Staff received 2 proposals for the commission to review. Both companies are qualified for the project.
- Public Comment:
 - none
- Vote: On a motion by D. Barnicle, 2nd by E. Goodwin the Commission vote to award the contract to Oxbow Associates. AIF 1-0-3(Gaspar, Bishop, Goodwin apposed). Motion fails
 - On a motion of E. Gaspar, 2nd by D. Barnicle the commission vote to award the contract to Boghunter Ecological. AIF 4-0
 - On a motion of E. Gaspar, 2nd by R. Bishop the commission vote to continue the Hearing for 53 Hillside Drive to March 31, 2022. AIF 4-0

4. **150 Charlton Road –continued NOI-Development of a commercial building, truck parking and supporting infrastructure –DEP File #300-1115**

- Owner/Applicant: Interstate Towing Representatives: G. Krevosky EBT Environmental
- Request: Issue OOC
- Documents Presented: n/a
- Jurisdiction: Buffer Zone to BVW, Bank, LUW, IVW (SWB only) and Riverfront Area
- Project Summary
 - Project was continued from the last hearing to allow for responses to the peer review and staff comments.
- Presentation and Discussion:
 - Revised plans show changes to the stormwater structures which have less impacts on the Riverfront.
 - The Agent recommends a site visit to visually see all the changes to the plan, Oxbow will join the Commission for a visit in March.
 - All work on adjacent properties for restoration of the Riverfront will require a separate filing.
 - Glenn Krevosky and Steve Bressette from the project team addressed some of the staff comments and Oxbow review report.
 - Agent would like further information on fencing for light blocking in the riverfront areas.
 - The Commission has concerns with the amount of disturbance in the riverfront area, as part of this review the applicant was reminded that all alternative parcels should be explored.
 - Applicant must fully demonstrate compliance with 321 CMR 10.58
- Public Comment:
 - none
- Vote: On a motion of E. Gaspar, 2nd by S. Chidester the Commission vote to continue the Hearing for DEP File #300-1115, 150 Charlton Road to March 10, 2022. AIF 4-0

II. WETLANDS DECISIONS

5. **400 Haynes Street Pilot—Request for a Certificate of Compliance – DEP File #300-1033**

- Original Applicant/Permit Holder: Brad Alsup Requester: Alan Roscoe
- Request: Issue a COC
- Project Summary: The OOC was issued for the redevelopment of a truck stop. After review of the conditions it's not clear that all conditions have been fully met. The agent recommends waiting on the issuance of the COC until the growing season and after the site is fully stabilized.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS

6. Minutes of 1/27/22 to be approved

- Documents Presented: draft minutes
- Vote: On a motion of E. Gaspar, 2nd by R. Bishop the commission vote to accept the 1/27/22 minutes as amended. AIF 4-0

UPDATES

IV. OLD BUSINESS

7. DEP File # 300-929 70 Paradise Lane Reardon

- Presentation and Discussion: An Order of Conditions was issued in 2015 for this project. After visiting the site with the owner it appears that they are not in compliance with the OOC. The Agent is working with Summit Engineering. They will work on creating a plan for the stormwater on site. The Commission wants a plan for the next meeting on March 10th to review.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

8. Committee Updates

- CPA: No report, looking to meet soon
- Trail Committee: Reports that 78,000 people have visited the Sturbridge Trail system
- Open Space Committee: N/A
- Lakes Advisory Committee: No meetings or report until April 2022.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Trails Committee chair Brandon Goodwin has a request to use Leadmine property for an ice sculpture contest starting 2/15 (due to warm temps)
- Vote: On a motion of E. Gaspar, 2nd by R. Bishop the commission vote to allow the Trails Committee to host an ice sculpture contest at Leadmine Mountain Conservation Area starting 2/15. AIF 4-0
- B. Goodwin also updated the Commission on the Riverlands Trails expansion, the trail expansion requires two stream crossings.
- The Agent reminded the Trails Committee that all work within the 200ft buffer zones would require permitting not just the crossing.
- Vote: On a motion of D. Barnicle, 2nd by E. Gaspar the commission vote to support the planned expansion of the Riverlands. AIF 4-0
- Wells State Park-Forest Cutting Plan
- 128 hazardous trees near the handicap accessible trail need to come down do to disease. This covers .7 acres of land. The Commission is in favor of supporting the plan and have no additional comments for the Forester.

9. Agent's Report

- Betterment approved eight dog waste stations to install at the parking areas of our trails.
- Agent will reach out to owner of 102 South Shore Drive and ask him to attend our next meeting.
- Route 20 project near Yankee Peddler is taking longer than anticipated, State is not providing the commission with much information on the project. .

Next Meeting Date: 3-10-22 Site Visits: 3-1-22 9 am-12 pm

ADJOURN at 8:16 pm Motion by E. Gaspar, 2nd R. Bishop AIF 4-0