

9.08.14 Conservation Commission Minutes

Minutes of the Taunton Conservation Commission September 8, 2014

Present: Chair Steven Turner, Vice Chair Debra Botellio, Commissioners Neil Kelly, Ernest Enos, Luis Freitas, Renwick Chapman.
Absent: Commissioner Marla Isaac.

Motion to approve the minutes of the August meeting, DB, second NK, so voted. EE voted present.

Certificate of Compliance

- 1. 4 High Street Ext., COT/Law Dept., (COC), SE73-2552** Field report states that this filing is for the demolition of three buildings on this property abutting the Taunton River. All work has been completed in significant compliance to the order of conditions and there has been no erosion into the river. All areas are stable. MR recommends that the TCC issue a COC for this project. Motion to approve DB, second NK, so voted.
- 2. 132 Briggs Street, LoDico, (COC), SE73-2547** Field report states this project was for the construction of a 24' x 28' detached garage, additional paving near the proposed entrance to the garage, and associated grading. All work has been completed in significant compliance to the order of conditions issued on 7-17-13. The roof runoff is directed to a rain garden located behind the shed and which contains blueberry bushes and variegated sweet iris. All lawn areas are stable. MR recommends that the TCC issue a COC for this project. Motion to approve, NK, second DB, so voted.
- 3. 390 Tremont Street, Cosimini, (COC), SE73-2421** Field report states that this project was for the construction of a single family home, septic system, driveway, and utilities within 100 feet of a BVW. All work has been completed in significant compliance to the order of conditions issued on 2-25-10. The lawn is stable and has been cut multiple times and there is no indication of sedimentation in the wetlands. MR recommends that the TCC issue a COC for this project. Motion to approve, DB, second RC, so voted.
- 4. 74 Bluegrass Circle, G.A.F. Engineering, Inc., (COC), SE73-2536** Field report states that this filing was for the construction of a single family home with deck, septic system, utilities, and associated grading. All work has been completed in significant compliance to the order of conditions issued on 3-14-13. All lawn areas are stable and there is no indication of infringement into the wetland. MR recommends that the TCC issue a COC for this project.
- 5. 10 Ingell Street, Debrosse/2007 Revocable Trust, (COC), SE73-2539** Field report states that this project was for the installation of a new sewer system to include abandoning the existing septic system on site, installing an MDC oil/water separator, installing an E-One sewer pump, and installing 430 feet of 2" PVC force sewer main to a sewer manhole within the right-of-way of Ingell Street to the intersection of High Street. All work has been completed in significant compliance to the order of conditions issued on 5-14-13. All grassed areas are stable and all roadwork has been re-paved to original grade. MR recommends that the TCC issue a COC for this project. Motion to approve DB, second NK, so voted. RC says a revised plan is needed. The ties are not correct. In some places they are 4-6 feet off. RC thinks we need a revised plan. DB withdraws the motion. Motion to continue to November 17, 2014, correct the ties for 18, 20, and 22 Ingell Street, RC, second DB, so voted.
- 6. 297 School Street, Heroux, (COC), SE73-2329** Field report states that this project was for the construction of a single family home with garage, utilities, driveway, and grading. All work has been completed in significant compliance to the order of conditions issued on 4-30-08. MR recommends that the TCC issue a COC for this project. Motion to approve, RC, second DB, so voted.
- 7. 70 Betsy Road, Graca, (COC), SE73-2486** Field report states that this project was for a septic system upgrade with associated grading. All work has been completed in significant compliance to the order of conditions issued on 1-11-12. The lawn is stable and there is no indication of sedimentation into the adjacent wetlands. MR recommends that the TCC issue a COC for this project.
Motion to approve, DB, second RC, so voted.

Public Meeting

- 1. 50 Rosewood Drive, Russell Jr., (RDA), DSE-1086** Field report states that this project is for a septic system repair to include a

1500 gallon septic tank and new leaching field. A BVW is located in the rear of the property and was flagged by Robert Murphy in November 2013. MR reviewed the line and agrees with the placement of flags, WF1 to WF12 with WF13 for reference purposes.

The septic system will be in front of the house and will be 77 feet from the closest edge of the wetland and excavation will fall to within 72 feet of the wetland. A siltation barrier is shown on the plan at a distance of 55 feet from the wetland and will be the limit of work. The project as presented will not negatively impact the adjacent BVW, therefore MR recommends that the TCC approve the wetland line as stated above and issue a negative determination for the septic system repair. Motion to open the hearing, DB, second RC, so voted. Representative Joshua Borden was present from Arthur F. Borden & Assoc. It is a simple septic system, the existing is in that same spot and will come out and be replaced. A tree will be removed because the roots went into the old system. This is the only spot to put the system. Silt socks will be in place to protect the wetland. The Board of Health has already approved this.

RC asked if the plan shows the silt socks? Yes right down the property line. Motion to issue a negative determination with conditions 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 14, 18, 19, RC, second DB, so voted. Motion to close the hearing, DB, second ST, so voted.

(NK stepped down)

2. 17 Whitsborough Street, Mather Jr., (RDA), DSE-1087 Field report states that this filing is for the approval of a wetland line, only. The wetland was delineated by Neil Kelly on 8-12-14 using pink flags numbered WFNK1A to WFNK6. MR walked the line

with Mr. Kelly on August 27th, and is in agreement with the placement of the flags, which were placed conservatively. MR recommends that the TCC approve the wetland line, WFNK1A to WFNK6. Representative Rich Mather present. RC asked if gravel driveway is existing? Yes. How far does it go in now? A little more than 25 feet. Some cases it is 10 feet or right up against the wetland. NK said it can come in on the other side of the house with an easement. They still have a process to go through they just need the wetland approved first. They will come back to the TCC with a design after. Rich is ok with all gravel and no asphalt. RC said other side of house for driveway sounds good. LF asked are you using the gravel driveway now? Yes. ST would like to let the applicant know what they prefer. NK says it a mute point as they are still doing the process. Motion to approve the wetland line as delineated and an NOI will need to be filed along with plans for any proposed work on the property, RC, second DB, so voted. NK just wanted to make the TCC aware, Mr. Mather is doing this because due to a medical issue he needs to make a home that is safe for him. Abutters spoke: Jean, from 6 Whitsborough Street. She said it used to be a dump where they are proposing work. What happens to the abutters if this is all dug up? They would have to replace it with clean fill. Also she is concerned because it is all overgrown and plows already get stuck there. It needs to be cleaned out at the end of the road. MR said wetlands are there now, the street just ends. Jean said it was a dirt road that went right through. MR said it is all wet not and does not see it ever being developed. Ann Correira another abutter from Whitsborough Street spoke. She is not against the project, she just hopes that it is done properly. MR told them when the NOI comes in they will all be notified so they may attend the meeting or call MR with questions. Rick said all the work done on the property was done by him, he is trying to clean it up and make it look better.

(NK back in)

3. 96 Devon Street, Devlin, (RDA), DSE-1088 Field report states that this project is for the removal of three trees bordering a wetland and close to a residential home. The trees are located at the top of a bank with a well defined wetland at the toe of slope. The wetland was previously delineated for the Nickerson Farms subdivision. The edge was not re-flagged for this project. At the front of the house there is a 13 inch maple that is leaning toward the house and is 11'3" from the house and 22 feet from the wetland. On the side of the house there is a 24" pine that is 8 feet from the house and 21 feet from the wetland, and a leaning 11" maple that is 15'6" from the house and 33 feet from the wetland. The two maples are diseased and dying. The pine is very large and very close to the house, posing a large threat to the structure. There are a number of trees that would remain at the top of slope once these trees are cut and the tree removal should not pose a threat to the wetland. MR recommends that the stumps remain in the ground and that all material cut me removed and not put in the wetland. MR also recommends a siltation barrier between the work and the wetland. MR recommends that the TCC approve this project and issue a negative determination with the attached special conditions. Motion to open, DB, second ST, so voted. Representative Mr. Devlin is present. Motion to issue a negative determination with conditions 1, 2, 3, 14, and 18, RC, second DB, so voted. Motion to close, DB, second RC, so voted.

4. 630 John Hancock Road, (RDA), DSE-1089 Field report states that this filing is for the proposed expansion of the freezer warehouse and loading dock at the south end of the current warehouse building. The new freezer will be 22,500 square feet-355 feet long by 63 feet wide. A new loading dock building will be built at the end of the new freezer expansion. The wetland lines were approved by the TCC and an ORAD issued on 8-14-14. The majority of the project is outside jurisdiction, with just the northwest corner of the new freezer building within the buffer zone-closest edge will be 57 feet from the BVW. The plan depicts straw wattles along the western edge of the property which will be considered the limit of work. The area where the work will occur is currently manicured lawn with storm water structures, sound barrier berm, and parking. The new storm water generated by the expansion will be routed underground to an infiltration system to the east and to two rain gardens at each corner of the new construction. Roof drainage will be collected via underground drain pipes and then directed to the rain gardens/infiltration basins. Overflow will be directed to an existing infiltration/detention pond. The work as presented will not negatively impact the wetland areas, therefore MR recommends that the TCC approve the project and issue a negative determination to include the attached special conditions. Motion to open, DB, ST, so voted. RC asked them to explain the existing drainage and what they proposed to do with the drainage. RC asked if they are using the plans there as construction plans? No showing the limit of work and 25 foot, using it to show TCC the limit of work and the protection of the wetlands. RC none of the new construction is altering the existing drainage of existing buildings into

existing wetlands right? Correct. RC said he needs test pits? they've done them, test pits with ground water elevation and design done with elevations so the system is not in the ground water. RC will look at MR's plans that show this. ST asked when they would like to start? No set date. ST so continuing while RC looks plans over wouldn't mess things up? No. Motion to approve pending RC checking plans and making sure the system is not in the ground water, with conditions 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 14, 18, and 19, if info is not in the plans then the hearing will be continued to 10-6-14, NK, second DB, so voted.

Public Hearing

1. 33 Chandler Ave., Raun Schlesinger, (NOI), SE73-2587 Field report states that this project is for the excavation of no more than 350 cubic yards of contaminated soil impacted by what seems to have been a single limited spill of VOCs, specifically TCE, at 33 Chandler Avenue, within the 200 foot riverfront area of the Mill River. The project qualifies as a limited project under the act and in accordance with 310 CMR 40.0000 (the Massachusetts Contingency Plan-see 310 CMR 10.53(3)(q)). This site is not within NHESP mapped areas or within an ACEC. There are three areas comprising approximately 675 square feet located on currently paved areas on the northeast corner of the site. One section is within 25 feet of the river, and all are located within the fenced area at the top of a steep bank that leads down to the river. The expected excavations will go to a depth of four feet as soil borings depicted little to no COCs at depths greater than four feet. All contaminated soils will be live-loaded and removed for off-site disposal per the Release Abatement Measure (RAM) Plan. Impacts to the site will be temporary and all surfaces will be restored to their pre-excavation conditions. The excavations will be backfilled with clean fill and pavement will be installed to match pre-remediation grades. A siltation barrier will be installed prior to excavation and remain in place until all areas are stable. The work as presented should not negatively impact the resource area, therefore MR recommends that the TCC approve the project and issue an order of conditions to include the attached special conditions. DB where is the soil being relocated to? The soil is VOC impacted but did not trip the hazardous scale. It is being moved to a facility in New Hampshire. Representatives Chris Mazzolini and Kerry Robert Tull are present. Motion to approve with conditions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 19, 21, 25, 26, and 27, DB, second RC, so voted. Motion to close, DB, second ST, so voted.

2. 82 Crane Ave. South, Hudson, (ANRAD), SE73-2588 Field report states that this filing is for the purpose of approving a wetland delineation at the above address. The wetland was flagged by John Chartier of RIM Engineering on 7-15-14. MR walked the line on Wednesday, 9-3-14 and agrees with the placement of the flags. The delineation follows the edge of a deep marsh from east to west between Crane Avenue South and Norton Street. MR recommends that the TCC approve the line, flags WF4 to WF34, with flags WF1-WF3 and WF35 -WF40 for reference purposes only, and issue an ORAD. Representative Ralph Malone present from Rimm Engineering. He agrees with flags. Motion to approve and issue an ORAD, DB, second RC, so voted.

Other Business

1. Request to use Boyden. Use of Boyden on 10-4-14 for a Halloween photo shoot. Motion to approve, DB, second LF, so voted.

2. MAAC. MR to attend, \$95. Motion to approve, DB, second NK, so voted.

3. MSMCP. Mass Society of Municipal Conservation Professionals. Membership is \$20. Motion to approve, DB, second NK, so voted.

4. MASS DOT Letter. RR right of ways in Taunton, borings to be done.

5. DB-Race at Boyden. DB has questions on this fundraiser.

Motion to adjourn, DB, second NK, so voted. Meeting ended at 8pm.