

SUDBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of the Meeting Held February 22, 2010

Present: John Sklenak, Chairman; Ethan Jessup; Richard Bell; Sam Webb; Parker Coddington; Debbie Dineen, Coordinator; Victoria Parsons, Technical Assistant

WPA & Bylaw Request for Determination of Applicability: Lincoln Sudbury Regional High School

Present: Scott Langran, CDM; Kevin Rossley & Judy Belliveau, Lincoln Sudbury RHS; Dick & Carole Wolfe, abutters I

Mr. Langran presented a plan showing the proposed installation of a press box and lift at the stadium field at Lincoln Sudbury RHS. The wetlands are shown as delineated in the approved September 2006 delineation. D. Dineen noted that although the wetland line is just over three years old, she has inspected the site and all work is proposed on existing pavement or gravel areas.

The press box and lift will be constructed on sonna tubes with 200 sq. ft. of pavement removed for installation resulting in a small reduction to impervious surface. All activity will be contained within the existing fence around the bleachers. The bordering vegetated wetland is approximately 20+- outside of the fence.

Dick Wolfe, Pantry Brook Farm, informed the Commission that there are major issues with drainage from LSRHS altering the downstream wetlands on his property. Suspended solids are being discharge from the drain pipe which flows directly onto his property and over his cart road. The cart road is washing out the stream is full of sediment. Three of the four culverts under the cart road are plugged with a large amount of sediment. The O & M contract for the school requires maintenance of the drainage system.

D. Dineen noted that the amount of flow may have increased due to the approved tie-in of ground water by an abutter on Concord Road. Mr. Wolfe noted that perhaps a previous break in an LSRHS pipe had not been correctly fixed. Dineen will schedule a site meeting with the DPW Director, Kevin Rossley, herself, and the Wolfes to look at the situation and discuss options for correction and restoration. She noted that although voted by the Commission the COC had not yet been issued as they are waiting for the Registry recording information.

S. Webb moved for a negative Determination of Applicability; R. Bell 2nd; unanimous in favor.

WPA & Bylaw Request for Determination of Applicability (cont.): 80 Jarman Rd.

Present: Chris Blanchette

Following up from Feb. 8, Mr. Blanchette had an arborist send a letter to the Commission office indicating that the two pines trees could be removed to keep them from dropping branches on the house. He noted they have a lean toward the house as well. There was no indication that the trees were unhealthy.

After discussion with V. Parsons and D. Dineen, Mr. Blanchette understood that under the wetlands regulations he will need to provide mitigation for the loss of presumed riverfront values and functions of these trees. He asked Dave Burke, Wetland Specialist, to assist in the development of a mitigation plan. The plan includes the removal of glossy

buckthorn and any other invasive plants along the edge of the stream and the planting of native plants, 4' to 6' on center, in the lawn area between the brook and the back toward the house a for a minimum distance of 14'. These plants will include gray dogwood, additional silky dogwood and other plants as indicated n the handwritten plan.

R. Bell motioned for a negative Determination with the conditions as discussed and in accordance with the mitigation plan. S. Webb second; unanimous in favor

Comments on Ponds & Waterway Committee Draft Master Plan

Commissioners had reviewed the PWC's draft Master Plan and agreed with the Coordinator's recommendation for more communication between PWC and the Conservation Commission. Chairman Sklenak suggested that the identification of cold water streams in town be a goal of both PWC and CC.

The Commission acknowledged the amount of effort that went into this extremely important and useful document and commended the PWC on it efforts in protecting Sudbury wetlands.

Request for Amendment to Order of Conditions: Lot 56 Bigelow Dr.

Present: William Senecal; Matthew Watsky

The Coordinator explained that the purpose of the discussion tonight was to review the scope of the proposed plan revisions and determine if a new public hearing is required. Mr. Watsky was not expecting a public hearing will be required.

Mr. Watsky presented a proposal to remove a small portion of the lot from the approved extent of the conservation restriction. This area includes the septic system reserve area. He stated that the Board of Health does not want to see woody plants growing within the leach field. V. Parsons noted that the reserve area does not needed to be constructed; only the soil preparation and grading are required at this time.

D. Dineen explained that the intent of native shrub plantings was to provide leaf litter, shade, woody debris, to replicate existing habitat for obligate vernal pool species. Discussion followed with all parties agreeing to permit a small area containing the distribution box to be removed from the restricted area. The leach field area will remain in the CR provided it is approved by EOEEA. A new plan will be submitted showing the revised line and the planting plan for over the septic trenches.

The Coordinator agreed to send a draft of the recent CR language to Atty. Watsky.

Certificates of Compliance:

1. 171 Greystone Lane

The as-built plan has been received and the project appears to have been built as approved. The lawn area has not encroached into the wetland.

Motion by J. Sklenak; 2nd by R. Bell; vote was unanimous in favor of issuing the COC

2. 77 Hudson Rd.; Fire Station #301-298

The as built was recently received from the Sudbury Engineering Department along with a letter from the Town Engineer stating the project was constructed substantially in accordance with the approved plans. The site is stable and the drainage is functioning well.

Motion by R. Bell; J. Sklenak; 2nd ; vote was unanimous in favor of issuing the
COC

3. Lot 3 Concord Rd. (formerly Lodato #301-321 & #301-496)

As built plan had been previously received and the recording information on the conservation restriction was just received. All conditions in the Order have been met.

Motion by S. Webb; 2nd by J. Sklenak; vote was unanimous in favor of issuing the
COC

4. 16 October Rd., Morrison

The Order of Conditions was issued for a septic upgrade. V. Parsons reported that the Board of Health has approved the installation. The site is stabilized.

Motion by J. Sklenak; 2nd P. Coddington; vote was unanimous in favor of issuing the
COC

Interview Sharon Rizzo for recommendation to Town Manager:

Ms. Rizzo has submitted her application for appointment to the Conservation Commission. She has been a 17-year resident in Sudbury and lives on Whitetail Lane. She was a geology major and has taught earth science.

Chairman Sklenak explained the time commitment of at least 12 hours per month plus attendance at training workshops several times a year. Ms. Rizzo stated that she has the interest and time to dedicate to the Commission.

S. Webb moved to recommend appointment. J. Sklenak 2nd; unanimous in favor

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.