

SUDBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION Meeting Minutes Monday, July 12, 2021

Present: David Henkels, Chairman; Ken Holtz, Vice Chairman; Bruce Porter; Richard Morse; Kasey Rogers, Mark Sevier; and Lori Capone, Conservation Coordinator

Absent: Jeremy Cook

Chair Henkels opened the meeting under the MA Wetlands Protection Act and the Sudbury Wetlands Administration Bylaw at 6:45 PM, via unanimous roll call vote.

Minutes

On motion by R. Morse, seconded by M. Sevier, the Commission voted via unanimous roll call vote, to approve the minutes of June 7, 2021

Wetland Applications:

Notice of Intent: 74 and 80 Maynard Road: Bonnie Brook Realty Corp., DEP #301-1341:

Chair Henkels reopened the Notice of Intent hearing continued from June 7, 2021, for the construction of a roadway and associated drainage system and utilities in 100-ft buffer zone and Adjacent Upland Resource Area for a 9-lot residential subdivision and announced the Applicant requested a continuation without discussion to the July 26 meeting.

On motion by K. Holtz, seconded by R. Morse, the vote was unanimous, via roll call, to continue to July 26, 2021.

Request for Determination of Applicability: 58 Longfellow Road, RDA #21-5:

Chair Henkels welcomed Henry Sorett to present his Request to remove five trees from the 100-foot Buffer Zone. Mr. Sorett displayed his plan with the trees he was requesting be removed highlighted. His intention was to remove the trees prior to other renovations. The Applicant would like to include mitigation for this tree removal in a future Notice of Intent he will be filing for house renovations. The Coordinator had no issue with that provided a Notice of Intent was filed within two years, or mitigation took place if the Notice was not filed within two years. There were no public comments.

On motion by R. Morse, seconded by K. Rogers, the Commission voted unanimously, via roll call vote, to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability.

Request for Determination of Applicability: 22 Pondview Road, RDA #21-6:

Chair Henkels recognized Mr. Chen Yao for his presentation to regrade a portion of the back yard and remove four trees within the 100-foot Buffer Zone and 200-foot Riverfront Area. He shared his screen with graphics and photos highlighting his request. He stated the machinery to be used was small enough to not present disturbance in the wetland. In order to get solar panels, the trees needed to be removed to offer the proper amount of light required. Coordinator Capone stated she felt the lawn expansion area was previously disturbed and contained primarily invasive species. She suggested keeping machinery on the walkway and off the slope to minimize disturbance. The Commission asked about size of the area being disturbed and the amount of fill coming in. There was discussion about grading, erosion, and slope

management. Coordinator Capone will visit the site with the contractor to ensure all requirements are clearly articulated and understood. There were no public comments.

On motion by R. Morse, seconded by K. Rogers, the Commission unanimously voted, via roll call, to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability.

Certificate of Compliance:

47 Camperdown Road, DEP #301-1307: Tree Removal

The Chair introduced the request. Coordinator Capone displayed the trees taken down that were a hazard to the home. She stated the resident has taken on removing the invasive on her property and would like permission to do so in perpetuity.

On motion by K. Holtz to issue a Certificate of Compliance and include a perpetual condition for manual invasive species removal, seconded by R. Morse, the Certificate was unanimously voted via roll call.

86 Kato Drive, DEP #301-1338: Pave existing driveway.

Coordinator Capone stated the driveway was paved as per the original footprint, maintaining the required offset to the Conservation Restriction. She recommended issuance of a Certificate of Compliance.

K. Holtz moved to issue the Certificate, seconded by M. Sevier, via roll call vote, it was unanimous.

810 Concord Road, DEP #301-1214: Restoration associated with wetlands and CR violation.

Coordinator Capone stated this Order was associated with a lawn encroachment which has been restored with removal of lawn and replanted with native species along with invasive species removal. She recommended issuing the Certificate of Compliance.

K. Rogers moved to issue a Certificate of Compliance, seconded by M. Sevier, via unanimous roll call vote, the Certificate was issued.

Other Business:

Associate Membership Discussion:

Chair Henkels recognized Coordinator Capone for an update on the appointments to the Associate position. She stated the Select Board had three candidates for the Associate position, one being Tom Friedlander who had already been appointed, Luke Faust, who had previously been an Applicant, and Debbie Dineen. The Town Manager had recommended Mr. Faust be appointed as an Associate Member. The Commission discussed the membership and voted to communicate to the Select Board Mr. Jeremy Cook as a full member, and Mr. Faust as the new Associate member.

With no further business, on motion by Bruce Porter, seconded by Richard Morse, the meeting was adjourned via unanimous roll call vote at 7:42pm.