

Regular Meeting
Billerica Conservation Commission
March 27, 2019
Town Hall, Room 210
365 Boston Road, Billerica, MA

ATTENDANCE: Commission Members Paul Hayes (Chairman), JoAnne Giovino (Vice Chairman), Diane DePaso (Secretary), Jack Bowen, Jeff Connell, Marlies Henderson and staff members Isabel Tourkantonis (Director of Environmental Affairs) and Mike DeVito (Land Use Assistant). Absent: Commissioner Betsy Gallagher and Liz Ells (staff member Senior Clerk)

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

(Salute the flag)

- I. 7:00 PM - PUBLIC COMMENT** – No comments.

- II. 7:02 PM – WETLANDS PROTECTION ACT & BILLERICA WETLANDS PROTECTION BY-LAW WETLANDS HEARING** – Notice of Intent – 20 Purcell Drive – Brian & Rachael Sheehan – DEP File No. 109-1378/Billerica File No. BBL-1378

Documents Submitted:

3-13-2019 - Received Notice of Intent for 20 Purcell Drive prepared by Steve Dresser, Dresser, Williams & Way Inc. with attached plan titled Notice of Intent Plan, dated 3-21- 2019, signed and stamped by Stephen R Dresser. Scale: 1"=20'. DEP No. 109-1378

3-20-2019 - Received letter correspondence from Richard Berube, BOH , RE: Notice of Intent – Site Plan, 20 Purcell Drive, Assessor's Map 70, Parcel 48; Addressed to: Stephen R. Dresser, Dresser, Williams & Way, Inc. Date 3-20-2019 / DEP File No. 109-1378

3-22-2019 - Received revised plans from Steve Dresser, Dresser, Williams & Way Inc. for 20 Purcell Drive. Scale: 1"=20'. DEP No. 109-1378- dated 3-22-2019. Received variance request for 20 Purcell Drive by Steve Dresser, Williams & Way, Inc. Revised Date 3-22-2019

Steven Dresser (Dresser, Williams & Way, Inc.) represented Brian and Rachel Sheehan and provided a description of the project. The project includes an addition to their home comprised of a sunroom and deck to be built on sono tubes. There are wetlands surrounding three sides of the property. Mitigation including upgradient of the wetland is proposed for a post and rail fence and signage. The design includes stone underneath the structure and a drip edge to collect roof runoff. The Director reported that the staff conducted a few site visits. It was also reported that the owners removed some debris from their property, including a decrepit shed which was in the NAZ. There is some remaining landscaping debris along the wetland boundary. The Director reported that there are recommendations from the Commission on construction sequence for the

timing of debris removal as well as some site plan revisions. The Commission requested a more robust and diversified planting scheme. A discussion ensued about the proximity of the project being 6 ft. away from the wetland boundary, and therefore, the Commission is requesting a reconfiguration or resizing of the sunroom, deck, and stairs to provide a larger protected buffer zone area. The Commission is requesting environmentally friendly deicing agents to be used on the driveway, the extension of the visual barrier along the western side of the property, and a special condition noting the existing driveway drain should be inspected and cleaned if needed, and that any changes or modifications to the driveway drain be reviewed by the Conservation Department/Billerica Conservation Commission in advance. .

MOTION: TO continue this Hearing to April 10, 2019 per the applicant's request.. Moved by Commissioner Giovino, seconded by Commissioner DePaso. All in Favor. Motion carried.

III. 7:37 PM - PM WETLANDS PROTECTION ACT & BILLERICA WETLANDS PROTECTION BY-LAW WETLANDS HEARING – Notice of Intent – Continued Public Hearing – 2 Old Elm Street – Middlesex Canal Association – DEP File No. 109-1362/Billerica File No. BBL-1362 (Continued to 4-10-19)

Documents Received:

3-26-2019- Received email from Scott Smyers requesting continuance for DEP File No. 109-1362 (2 Old Elm Street) to April 10, 2019 meeting.

MOTION: TO continue this hearing to April 10, 2019 per the applicant's request. Moved by Commissioner Bowen, seconded by Commissioner Henderson. All in Favor. Motion carried.

IV. 7:38 PM WETLANDS PROTECTION ACT & BILLERICA WETLANDS PROTECTION BY-LAW WETLANDS HEARING - Notice of Intent – Continued Public Hearing - 258/260 Nashua Road – Paul Marcus – DEP File No. 109-1373/Billerica File No. BBL-1373 (Continued to 4-10-19)

Documents Received:

3-25-2019 - Email Correspondence from Seekamp Environmental Consulting, Inc. – Request to Continue –258/260 Nashua Road NOI, DEP File No. 109-1373/BBL-1373 to April 10, 2019.

MOTION: TO continue this hearing to April 10, 2019 per the applicant's request. Moved by Commissioner Bowen, seconded by Commissioner DePaso.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS/DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Presentation by Thomas Calzini, Eagle Scout Billerica Troop 11-Proposed Dugouts at Boutwell Field (Cyril D. Locke Middle School)
Documents Submitted: 3-25-19- Email correspondence from Billerica Troop 11, Eagle Scout Tom Calzini with attached letter addressed to Isabel Tourkantonis; RE: Proposed Dugouts at Boutwell Field, Locke Middle School; Dated 3-25-19.

Tom Calzini (Billerica Eagle Scout, Troop 11) presented his project for proposed dugouts at the Boutwell Field (Locke Middle School). Currently, there are only concrete slabs and chain link fencing; there is no shade shelter provided for the home or visiting teams. Tom explained the existing concrete slabs will remain but the fence posts will be removed. Wooden dugout structures will be constructed on each concrete slab; similar to Pollard Field behind O'Connor's Hardware store. Pressure treated wood will not be used. Rubber matting will be nailed to the rooftop, which will be slanted back. The Commission requested a gravel trench/drip edge be constructed behind each dugout where the roof is pitched to help capture and infiltrate the roof runoff and to prevent erosion and muddy conditions around the dugouts. Tom noted he will be overseeing and completing the project along with other fellow Eagle Scouts and parents. The benefactor is the Billerica Little League.

MOTION: TO approve the project. Moved by Commissioner Giovino, seconded by Commissioner DePaso. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Minutes:

1-9-19 – The Director will forward her revisions to the Commission for their review and a vote for approval will take place at a later meeting.

2-13-19 – **MOTION:** TO accept the minutes with corrections as discussed. Moved by Commissioner Giovino, seconded by Commissioner DePaso. All in Favor. Motion carried.

VI. 7:57 ADJOURN

MOTION: TO adjourn meeting. Moved by Commissioner Giovino, seconded by Commissioner DePaso. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane DePaso, Secretary

Prepared by Mary Ann Schafer, Mike DeVito and Isabel Tourkantonis.