

**WEYMOUTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**

**TUESDAY, January 31, 2023**

**McCulloch Building 182 Green Street**

**Mary McElroy Room**

**7:00 P.M.**

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**Present:** John Reilly, Chairman  
Frank Singleton, Commissioner and Vice Chairman  
George Loring, Commissioner  
Al Donovan, Commissioner

**Not Present:** Scott Dowd, Commissioner and Clerk  
Ann Flynn Dickinson, Secretary

**Also Present:** Andrew Hultin, Assistant Conservation Administrator

Chair Reilly called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**1. Minutes –November 14, 2022**

A Motion was made by Cmmr. Singleton and seconded by Cmmr. Loring to accept the minutes as written with one change.

4-0 Unanimous roll call vote

**2. 881 & 897 Pleasant Street ORAD – Request for Extension to Order of Resource Area  
Delineation  
Bristol Brothers Development  
DEP File #81-1203  
Map 31, Block 407, Lot 2 & 43  
One-year extension of approved wetland delineation**

John Zimmer with South River Environmental was here to present for Bristol Brothers. Original approval was in 2017. John displayed a map for the audience to follow. He then stated that he and Mr. Hultin had gone out to the site and had gone over a couple of the flagged areas in question. After the review of those areas, the applicant is requesting a 1 year extension on ORAD.

Mr. Hultin does recommend extending the ORAD for another year and then come springtime if a Notice of Intent (NOI) comes through we will revisit and discuss the area in question. They are other resource areas on-site that are not delineated.

A Motion was made by Cmmr. Loring and seconded by Cmmr. Donovan to approve the extension of the ORAD for one year.

4-0 Unanimous roll call vote

**3. 228 Idlewell Blvd.- After-the-fact- Notice of Intent (NOI), Public Hearing**

**Diane Crehan & Frank Sullivan**

**DEP File #81-1301**

**Map 13, Block 136, Lot 3**

**Gravel driveway, retaining wall & site work**

A Motion was made by Cmmr. Loring and seconded by Cmmr. Donovan to open the Public Hearing.

4-0 Unanimous roll call vote

Mr. Hultin states the legal ad was placed and he has the receipts for abutter notifications.

Diane Crehan and Frank Sullivan presented the project. Mr. Sullivan went over the project, which consists of replacing and expanding an existing patio, replacing and expanding a retaining wall. They also proposed placing a new shed on one side of the property and constructing a gravel driveway on the other.

Mr. Hultin displayed a map and pictures of the project. Originally this project was alerted to the Conservation Office when an excavator was down at the beach and work was being done without a permit. A Notice of Violation (NOV) was issued. They had to stop work and were instructed to do an After-the-fact Notice of Intent. They were instructed to install erosion controls and stabilize the site. An old planting plan exists for that area from sewerage work back in 2011. Staff recommend incorporating the planting plan into the Order of Conditions (OOC) along with some standard conditions for erosion controls. Plantings need to be in the ground and alive for at least one growing season prior to being eligible for the Certificate of Compliance (COC).

With no comments from the Public,

A Motion was made by Cmmr. Loring and seconded by Cmmr. Singleton to close the Public Hearing

4-0 Unanimous rollcall vote

A Motion was made by Cmmr. Loring and seconded by Cmmr. Donovan to issue a Standard of Conditions together with all the Special Conditions mentioned here tonight.

4-0 Unanimous rollcall vote

**4. Other Business**

Mr. Hultin reports the Commission he has no other business tonight.

**5. CPC Update**

Cmmr. Loring reported there was no CPC meeting so there is no update

**6. Herring Run Update**

Cmmr. Loring reports the pond is high due to a lot of rain, but no herring run duties are required at this time.

**7. Conservation Report**

- No new construction

**Ongoing Construction (Partial list)**

- 1197 Washington Street (Elks) – extensive site work underway. Ongoing issues with turbid discharge to the adjacent stream during rain events, leading to turbidity in the Plymouth River. Notice of violation issued in December, ongoing monitoring and communication with the developer.
- 824 Washington Street culvert repair – culvert forming and pouring almost complete. After-the-fact NOI expected in February.
- 1325 Washington St – new limit of work and erosion control reviewed and approved.

**Compliance and Enforcement and Complaints**

- 29 Woodside Path – Property owner is subject to an Enforcement Order for vegetation cutting a few years ago. The vegetation cutting was largely in an area previously utilized for gardening/lawn. Andrew Hultin met with the property owner recently and reviewed the old wetland delineation. Based on measurements from Mary Ellen, the wetland line was properly flagged. Discussed a plan to pull back some of the wood chips, remove cut brush and replant.
- Mt. Hope Cemetery – Cutting of vegetation along the Old Swamp River, Issued Notice of Violation on 01/23 and discussed with a cemetery board member. No trees were removed, just shrubs were cut. Agreed that if left along it would revegetate.
- 541 Front Street – Notice of Violation sent again to property owner for wetland filling. This is a serious violation that will need to be escalated if the Conservation Commission does not get a response from the property owner.
- 115 High Street -- ongoing complaints from adjacent property owner about possible wetlands filling. Will be reaching out to property owner.

**Other projects**

- SNUP Dam Removal – Phase two work underway – permit level design. Project will likely restore connectivity to adjacent floodplain.
- Staff received grant award from the Hingham Conservation Land Trust for study of brook trout in the Old Swamp River using e-DNA testing. Project to start this spring.
- Order of Conditions for Whitman's Pond Vegetation Management was appealed by a ten-resident group. Town is requesting expedited review from DEP.

**Planning Department Reviews**

- No new reviews

**Next Meeting**

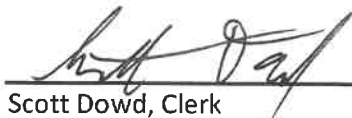
- February 28, 2023. New Filings may include:
  - 824 Washington Street Culver NOI
  - 29 Woodside Path proposal

**8. Adjourn**

A Motion was made by Cmmr. Loring and seconded by Cmmr. Donovan to adjourn the meeting at 7:30p.m.

**9. Next regularly scheduled meeting – Tuesday, February 28, 2023**

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Scott Dowd, Clerk

Respectfully submitted by,

Ann Flynn Dickinson  
Recording Secretary