

Town Clerk

**WEYMOUTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Town Hall Chambers
February 25th, 2009 Meeting**

PRESENT: John Thompson/Chairman, Cmmr. Gerald Murphy/Vice Chairman, Cmmr. Scott Coven/Clerk, and Cmmr. Jeff Kent

ABSENT: Cmmr. Adrienne Gowen

ALSO PRESENT: Conservation Administrator, Mary Ellen Schloss

Chairman Thompson called the February 25th, 2009 meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 7:30 PM.

Minutes: 1/14/2009 for signature

Lot A West Street - Continued Hearing

Stephen Gosselin, Applicant

DEP File #81-1053

Cmmr. Murphy moved to open the public hearing for File 81-1053, Stephen Gosselin, Applicant, Lot A, West Street.

Cmmr. Coven seconded.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

Mr. David Mackwell, PE represented the applicant, who was also present. He reviewed the project for the Board and said based on comments at their last hearing they have saved all the trees at the site that they could. Additionally, they will have erosion controls in place to protect the resources during construction. They will also have a construction fence in place wrapping Lot A.

Ms. Schloss recommended a Standard Order of Conditions with specials that would address protection of the resource area/trees and the addition of a construction fence.

The hearing was opened to the public. No one spoke.

Cmmr. Murphy moved to close the public hearing for File 81-1053, Stephen Gosselin, Lot A/West Street.

Cmmr. Coven seconded.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

Lot A West Street

Stephen Gosselin, Applicant

DEP File #81-1053

Order of Conditions

Cmmr. Murphy moved to issue a Standard Order of Conditions for File 81-1053, Stephen Gosselin, Lot A/West Street, plus the specials as addressed by the Administrator, which included protection of the resources/trees - and the addition of a construction fence.

Cmmr. Coven seconded.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

Lot B West Street - Continued Hearing**Stephen Gosselin, Applicant****DEP File #81-1054**

Cmmr. Murphy moved to open the public hearing for File 81-1054, Lot B/West Street, Stephen Gosselin, Applicant.

Chairman Thompson noted that this project by Stephen Gosselin was similar to that of Lot A.

Ms. Schloss wanted to point out that a Variance was needed for the proposed work re. the sewer manhole/work that would take place within the 25 ft. buffer/No Disturb Zone. She also noted that the applicant has submitted a revised plan. She wanted to make sure that work within the 25 ft. buffer would conform to the conditions. Additionally, she wanted to make sure that the Oak trees would be saved as noted on the plan. She was proposing conditions similar to that of Lot A. Further the work proposed within the 25 ft. area would be restored with conservation seed mix based on ecological restoration.

Mr. Gosselin was in agreement with the proposed conditions.

The hearing was opened to the public. No one spoke.

Cmmr. Murphy moved to close the public hearing for File 81-1054, Lot B/West Street, Stephen Gosselin, Applicant.

Cmmr. Coven seconded.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

Lot B West Street**Stephen Gosselin, Applicant****DEP File #81-1054****Order of Conditions**

Cmmr. Murphy moved to issue a Standard Order of Conditions for File 81-1054, Stephen Gosselin, Lot B/West Street, plus the specials as addressed by the Administrator.

Cmmr. Coven seconded.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

Within 169-185 Randolph Street - Public Hearing**Gas Line Replacement****Keyspan Energy****Request for Determination of Applicability**

Ms. Alicia Kabir, Environmental Consultant representing the applicant came before the Board along with Brad Holmes.

Mr. Holmes explained that the project was located along Randolph Street, close to Great Pond and that their existing line located on the north side of Randolph Street. Tonight they were requesting to replace 150 ln. ft. of the gas line. He further specified that this RFD was for the maintenance work, pointing out that the work is on the opposite side of the Pond, probably 50'-60' away. Additionally the bordering vegetated wetland was located on the other side of the street, about 10'-15'.

Chairman Thompson asked about protection of the resource area and Mr. Holmes replied that their plans call for using erosion controls; i. e., haybales to surround the resource area - noting that the roadway would also serve as a buffer. If necessary they would place haybales on the other side of the street.

Ms. Kabir wanted the members to know that they were only opening a length of the trench they planned to backfill on the same day they open it. Additionally they would have a wetland inspector that will be monitoring the work site.

Cmmr. Coven asked when the work would be done and Ms. Kabir replied that they planned on starting the end of March with the work lasting about 2 weeks.

Ms. Schloss recommended a Negative 3 Determination, with notification made to the office prior to the start of work. She also requested haybales be placed around the catch basins.

Ms. Kabir stated that when they backfill, they would keep the area level. Re. staking the haybales around the manholes, she asked if Ms. Schloss wanted the haybales staked into the pavement.

Mr. Holmes replied they could just place them there. He added that they would only be installing a 2" pipe, so he didn't see a need for haybales after the end of the day. He noted that they would have a police detail there for any safety concerns. Further the pipe would go up above the ground surface with the work done by the DPW.

Cmmr. Murphy moved to issue a Negative 3 Determination, plus conditions as stated by the Administrator.

Cmmr. Coven seconded.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

Conservation Report

Utility Pole for Thicket Street

Ms. Schloss told members that the subject utility pole was located near 195 Thicket Street - and that the plans were to install a brace pole.

Ms. Schloss told members that she had spoken with Nicole ??/REM who informed her that they would need to dig down to put the pole in. At this point she was in favor of placing haybales around the hole.

Alicia Kabir explained that they were 'replacing' the utility pole and adding a brace pole.

Ms. Schloss said her primary concern was to have erosion controls in place and asked that they take care not to damage the roots of the tree located there.

Ms. Kabir and Mr. Holmes agreed.

FILE 81-913 Westminster Road Project

Request for an Extension to Order of Conditions

Ms. Schloss explained that the applicant was requesting a one-year extension for two more homes located on the Cardinal Circle side of the street, adding that the street needs to be paved.

Cmmr. Murphy moved to approve a 1-year extension for File 81-913, Westminster Road.

Cmmr. Kent seconded.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

22 Martin Street**File #81-973****Request for a Certificate of Compliance**

Gary Gabriel was present to address the request for a Certificate of Compliance for 22 Martin Street.

Chairman Thompson asked Mr. Gabriel if his work was pretty much complete and Mr. Gabriel responded 'yes'.

Ms. Schloss said he was actually here for two Certificates of Compliance; i.e., File 81-973 and File 81-1050. The first one(#81-973) being for a single family home located at 22 Martin Street, Lot 3A, which included a retaining wall. Presently there is a stable slope there. Regarding the house, he has installed stone trenches (leader pipes that need to be connected to trenches).

Gary Gabriel told members that presently he has a buyer for the property, adding that the remaining work would include a connection to the drywells. At this point he has cleaned out the culvert and done some mitigation work that they previously agreed upon.

Ms. Schloss was recommending approval.

Cmmr. Murphy moved to approve a Certificate of Compliance for 22 Martin Street, File 81-973.

Cmmr. Kent seconded.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

File #81-1050 22 Martin Street (Retaining Wall)**Certificate of Compliance**

Chairman Thompson asked if the retaining wall was now stabilized and Ms. Schloss confirmed that it was. She added that the Board had requested an affidavit from the owner verifying the construction control and that the engineer was comfortable with the stability of finished retaining wall - which they now had.

Cmmr. Murphy moved to approve the Certificate of Compliance for File 81-1050, 22 Martin Street.

Cmmr. Kent seconded.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

Other Business**Discussion re. Alexan at Arbor Hill**

Chairman Thompson announced that he was not ready to take further action re. the Alexan at Arbor Hill project at this point. He still needed to hear from a consultant regarding the proposed blasting (at the top of the hill) and its affects. Further, there were several other buildings at the site - with no plans for blasting at the bottom of the hill - but the Commission promised residents at the last hearing that the Board would look at the blasting issue with a professional before rendering a decision. Based on that he would like the Commission's concurrence to have the Administrator move up the next scheduled hearing (3/11/09) to a future date.

Members agreed.

Ms. Schloss stated that Trammel Crow will have their expert prepare a geo-technical report - and, she commented, he is an expert re. blasting.

Ms. Schloss' comment was acknowledged by the Board.

Ms. Schloss went on to say that she planned on doing a site walk with this geo-technical expert and other representatives from Trammel Crow. She added that he had spoken with 4-5 folks regarding peer review and learned it was difficult to find another expert of this type. At this point she was waiting to hear back.

Chairman Thompson told her that extending the time was not a problem for him, as he felt it was worth while to wait until they found the right one.

Ms. Schloss informed Cmmr. Kent that they would need to schedule a time for him to watch the last cable hearing/DVD on Alexan at Arbor Hill, as he had missed that meeting. After he did that he would need to sign an affidavit verifying he did so for the record.

60 Patterson Rd. Update

Ms. Schloss reported that she has received the follow-up report re. 60 Patterson. At this point she told members that they should see work starting next month, and hopefully the work would be completed in a couple of months.

Conservation Report

- Ms. Schloss next reported that the dredging of the middle pool at the Herring Run, which was done this date. She noted that presently the smelt are coming in, so the work had to be done by the end of the month. Further they have dug out 55-60 cu. yards and the material has been taken to Wharf Street/compost site. They have additional monies from the Mass. Division of marine Fisheries to get rid of the sediments.

Dunkin Donuts Mitigation Fee

Plans are to do some plantings with their money - adding trees at Skate Park.

Grefe Dock

Ms. Schloss reported that the work on the Grefe dock on Neck Street would be starting soon.

Rt. 18 Environmental Assessment

Ms. Schloss next informed members that they have received the Environmental Assessment regarding the widening of Route 18 (4 miles). It involves wetland impacts of more than 5,000 ft. and they would be requesting a Variance. A letter commenting on this project will be required to go to the state. Ms. Schloss told the Board that Rt. 18 drainage, located in front of the hospital, dumps onto private land - and it could use some improvements. This could be mentioned in the letter.

MACC Conference

Ms. Schloss reported that the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions is set for this w/e, February 28th in Worcester and she planned to attend the workshop entitled "Conservation Leadership".

Upcoming Project

Lastly Ms. Schloss reported that there would be a proposal on the March 25th agenda for a single-family house on King Phillip Street, calling for a wetland crossing for a driveway.

The March 11, 2009, Meeting will begin at 7:30 P. M. at the Weymouth Town Hall.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for 3/11/09, but members and the Administrator might cancel this meeting and take up the Alexan matter on 3/24/09 as no info has been received on the matter of the blasting. Ms. Schloss will update the members and those involved as to the status of the next hearing.

Adjournment

Cmmr. Murphy moved to adjourn at 8:10 PM.

Cmmr. Coven seconded.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

Respectfully submitted,

Susan DeChristoforo
Recording Secretary

APPROVED: _____

Scott Coven, Clerk

DATE