



THE TOWN of MERRIMAC  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
4 School St., Merrimac  
MASSACHUSETTS 01860

**Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, January 26, 2021**  
Video Conference

Members present: Robert Prokop (chair), Jon Pearson, Jerome Mathieu, William Andrulitis and Gregory MacLean. Conservation Agent Jay Smith was present.

Meeting called to order at 6:45pm.

**Cont. Public Hearing --- Notice of Intent --- Robert Cormier for 2-4 Mapleton Dr. (DEP# 45-301).** --- For the construction of a two-family dwelling partially within the buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland.

Michael Seekamp and Philip Parry were in attendance representing the applicant along with three abutters. DEP number was assigned with no comments. The latest revised plan was reviewed along with the conditions observed on the site walk that showed tagged trees to remain. P. Parry stated that all permits have not been obtained. The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on the application Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>. Most work proposed is outside the no-build zone. Peter Murray (abutter) discussed a desire for a tree line along his property line. A tree line that was shown on the plan needed to be removed as well. After a discussion M. Seekamp proposed revising the plan to remove the existing tree line and leave existing trees and healthy vegetation along a portion of the rear property line. He also proposed adding additional trees or other plants (to be defined in a planting plan) to be reviewed by the Commission. An abutter had concerns about what would be done about upgrading the road in front of the house. P. Parry stated that there were issues not yet resolved with Robert Sinibaldi the DPW director. J. Pearson, with approval of the other members, requested additional information to be added to a new plan. The information included limit of lawn, planting plan, removal of old tree line and location of trees to remain. Public Hearing continued with the approval of the applicant's representative.

**Cont. Public Hearing --- Request for Determination of Applicability --- Richmond Allen, 67 West Shore Rd---** For the installation of a hot tub within the buffer zone to Lake Attitash. (Request withdrawn by the applicant)

Request for withdrawal approved.

**Discussion:** Gretta Buzzell, 30 Orchard St.--- Tree cutting request in the buffer zone.

The applicant had a plan of the property including a wetland delineation but the delineation was not dated or identified as to who had done the delineation. At a site walk the owner had discussed a considerable amount of work that she wanted to do. The trees requested to be cut did not appear to be a threat to the home. The Commission suggested that the homeowner actually flag the wetlands and put the updated line on the plan including the name of the delineator along with showing the work being requested. Add that to a filing and submit it to the Commission for review before doing any work on the site.

**Discussion:** 7 Alnette Rd. --- COC request

The Commission reviewed the material presented, pictures and the Conditions imposed. The agent gave a description of the current conditions and how it related to the original OC. All conditions had been met. A raised unapproved deck was on the rear of the house but did not affect the Conditions imposed. J. Mathieu made a motion to issue a COC for the property that was seconded by J. Pearson and approved by the Commission.

**Discussion:** Eric Pacey, 1 Gabriel Lane --- PCOC request.

The lot in question was outside the buffer zone only and was included in the roadway filing (DEP# 45-145). All work had been previously approved by the Commission on the roadway. J. Pearson made a motion to issue a PCOC for the property. J. Mathieu seconded with a unanimous vote of approval.

**Discussion:** Cobbler's Brook retaining wall update.

The agent gave an update on the situation. The owner of the office building had been in contact and stated that he would no longer pile snow within 50ft. of the problem area. Robert Sinibaldi suggested a Hazardous Mitigation Grant be applied for and he would help with the process.

**Other Business:** Town forest trustees' update.

J. Pearson gave an update on the proposal and suggested that a list of questions he had made be sent to the Open Space Comm. for review. Following discussion, it was agreed to forward the questions.

**Discussion:** minutes.

The minutes for December and November were unanimously approved with

minor corrections.

Adjourned

The next C.C meeting is February 23, 2020, 6:45pm., at the Public Library  
hopefully.