



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

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 23, 2021
Video Conference

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

Meeting called to order at 6:46pm.

Discussion: Planning Board, Town Forest Trustees. --- Special meeting request.

J. Pearson suggested a separate meeting with the Open Space Committee and possibly including Robert Sinibaldi (DPW). Dates suggested were April 13, 14 or the 21st. The Commission members agreed and J. Pearson agreed to speak to the committee to coordinate the meeting and dates.

Discussion: 118 E. Main St. --- COC Request.

J. Mathieu made a motion to approve the issuance of a COC request to a previous Order on the property considering work was never commenced and the three-year limit has passed. Motion seconded by W. Andrulitis with a unanimous vote of approval (6-0).

Public Hearing --- Notice of Intent --- Dennis Page, Manager for Middlesex Land Holdings, LLC, 118 East Main St., (DEP# 45-302). --- For the construction of four (4) duplex buildings and associated site work within the buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland and intermittent stream.

Maureen (Norse Environmental) was in attendance representing the applicant and presented the project. A file number has been issued, comments pending. Plan is for 16 units in 8 buildings (4 within the 100 foot buffer zone) with town water and sewer and nat. gas. Work is within a critical area next to a tributary to Lake Attitash and the Merrimack River. All underground stormwater infiltration is proposed. Proposal is still in front of the Planning Board. Suggestions for plan changes were the following: Restoring the 25ft. no-disturb zone in an area with

shrubs. Providing soil data at the proposed location of one of the underground detention basins not done. Designating the location of snow storage areas. Adding spot grades along the intermittent stream and at the inlet and outlet of the culvert crossing Rt. 110. Adjusting the wetland markers/signage to reflect the current wetland no disturb line. Adding some additional trees to the plan. B. Prokop was concerned with infiltration and direction of groundwater flow. The Agent was concerned about the condition of the remaining land and the possibility of cleaning up any trash and other disturbed areas. The applicant will address the issues raised and agreed to a continuance to the next scheduled meeting.

Discussion: Greta Buzzell 30 Orchard St. --- Confirmation of wetland line. After viewing the wetland line at the site visit the Commission agreed with the wetland scientist's location of the delineated wetland. The Commission stated that an RDA was needed for the work requested.

Discussion: Joseph Richard for 6+ River Rd. --- Violation

The Commission was made aware of minor activities, small trenches, were taking place on the property owned by Joseph Richard. No action was taken but a neighbor had told the Agent that he would keep an eye on the property.

Discussion: minutes.

The minutes for February were reviewed with J. Pearson's comments and approved with a unanimous vote of approval. (4-0). G. MacLean had left meeting.

The next C.C meeting is April 27, 2021, 6:45pm., at the Public Library hopefully.