



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

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes Tuesday, April 23, 2019

Members present: Jon Pearson (acting chair), Jerome Mathieu, Dennis Hogan, Janet Terry and Arthur Yarranton. Conservation Agent Jay Smith was present.

Meeting called to order at 6:51 pm.

Cont. Public Hearing --- Request for Determination of Applicability --- James Raney, 5 Broad St. --- For landscaping in the back of the house and a set of stairs within the buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland.

Mr. and Ms. Raney were in attendance and submitted a revised plan with more detail for the stairs and added a small retaining wall. The site walk was discussed. J. Mathieu made a motion to approve the project with a Neg. 3 Determination with the following three conditions: Three markers, 4x4 posts, secured in the ground with Merrimac Plaques at the corners and middle of the line shown on the plan to be installed. Dispose of all excess soil offsite. Invasives may be removed by hand and removed offsite. J. Terry seconded the motion with a unanimous vote of approval.(5-0)

Public Hearing --- Request for Determination of Applicability - -- Ronald LaPlante, 118 River Rd. --- For an 8x10 deck located in the Cobbler's Brook river resource area.

Mr. and Ms. LaPlante were in attendance and presented their project and added a more detailed plan. The site walk was discussed. J. Mathieu made a motion to approve the plan with a Neg. 3 Determination with the only condition to be excess

material to be disposed of outside the 100ft. inner riparian zone. D. Hogan seconded the motion with a unanimous vote of approval. (5-0)

Public Hearing --- Notice of intent --- Stephen Gadd for 16 River Rd. (DEP#45-293) --- For a replacement septic system within the Merrimack River resource area and bordering vegetated wetlands.

James Scanlon (Scanlon Engineering) was in attendance and explained the project and the need to be located as shown on the plan. The site walk was discussed and considering the distances and location of the system J. Mathieu made motion to issue an OC with the Standard Conditions. The motion was seconded by A. Yarranton with a unanimous vote of approval. (5-0)

Cont. Discussion: Joseph Richard for 6+ River Rd. (Map 54, Block 1, Lot 43) --- Violation.

The agent informed the Commission that the registered letter sent to Mr. Richard was returned unopened not signed for. The Commission asked the agent to secure the services of a constable to serve him the paperwork.

Discussion: 2 Birchmeadow Rd. --- COC request.

The site visit was discussed and due to the lack of topography on the site and how the garage was attached and finished the as-built plan requirement was waived. J. Pearson made a motion to issue a COC for the Order of Conditions. The motion was seconded by J. Mathieu and approved unanimously. (5-0)

Discussion: Minutes

The minutes were reviewed and approved with minor revisions unanimously. (5-0)

Other Business:

A person from Birchmeadow Rd. (Kevin White) asked the

Commission if they would look into violations occurring at his neighbor's home.

The next C.C meeting is May 28, 6:30pm., at the Public Library.