



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

## **Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes Tuesday, April 24, 2018**

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

### **Cont. Public Hearing --- Request for Determination of Applicability --- Kathleen and Charles Minella, 10 Pine Bluff Ave. --- Dock**

Mr. and Ms. Mennella were in attendance. A revised dock plan was submitted. Dock sections and covered boat lifts were removed. No one from the public was in attendance. G. Hochmuth made a motion to issue a Neg. 3 determination approving the dock and tree removal. The Motion was seconded by J. Pearson with a unanimous vote of approval (7-0). The Commission may require changes to the plan if it is not approved by the Commonwealth's Chapter 91 Regulations.

### **Public Hearing --- Request for Determination of Applicability --- Robert Sinibaldi (DPW Director) for Coastal Metals, 2 Littles Ct. --- For scraping the ground and material removal offsite within the buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland.**

Robert Sinibaldi, (DPW Director) was in attendance and explained what work was being done at the site. Dan Herzlinger, (TRC Env.) was in attendance and added to the description of the work. The wetland line was estimated. Two abutters had concerns about the adjacent wetland. This was an, after the fact, filing for grading and material removal from the site. Additional work will be done monitoring pollution, finishing grading and foundation removal. With the consensus of the Commission that up to now work had been done in a manner consistent with best management practices G. Hochmuth made a motion to issue a Neg.3 Determination with the following condition: A new filing shall be required when the applicant knows how they will handle the covering, grading and

stabilization of the site. The motion was seconded by J. Pearson with a unanimous vote of approval (7-0).

**Public Hearing --- Request for Determination of Applicability --- Michael Wendt, 117 River Rd. ---** For an extension of a deck, installation of a patio and reconstruction of a stone wall within the Merrimac River resource area.

Michael Wendt was in attendance and added details about the work proposed. Work will be accessed by crossing the town's conservation land. Debris was seen on this property possibly from the applicant. After a discussion J. Pearson made a motion to issue a Neg.3 Determination with the following conditions: Erosion control measures shall be installed by the applicant and shall be inspected and approved by the MCC prior to any other work. Erosion control shall consist of silt fence. All debris shall be removed from Town land adjacent to the property subject to the verification of the Agent before work begins. The motion was seconded by J. Mathieu with a unanimous vote of approval (7-0).

**Discussion:** Open Space Committee --- Access to the River

Two members of the Open Space Committee discussed river access through Town of Merrimac land parcels and received comments and help from the Commission about types of requirements for a filing if need..

**Discussion:** Tom Graham, 11 Bisson Lane --- plan review

B. Prokop recused himself and J. Pearson assumed the chair. After a discussion G. Hochmuth made a motion to accept the new additions to the plan providing that the applicant adhere to the requests stated.

The permeable pavers shown on the plan cannot be installed any higher than the existing grade of the land surrounding it.

No fill can be placed anywhere on the lot that results in raising the elevation above the existing grade.

Any excess material excavated from the parking area must be disposed of offsite.

A planting plan must be submitted and approved by the Commission before any work begins on the walkways or parking area. The plan must include the areas and what plants are to be planted. Native plantings only.

The motion was seconded by J. Mathieu with a unanimous vote of (6-0) to approve.

Discussion:

A.Yarranton requested and the Commission agreed to a letter to be drafted indicating a no-dumping area on School St. considering the illegal dumping going on. The letter is to be sent to people directly opposite the piles The Agent will ask for a conservation no-dumping sign be placed as well.

**Discussion: Minutes**

The minutes were reviewed and approved with minor modifications.

The next C.C meeting is May 22, 2018, 7:30pm., at the Public Library.