



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

## Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Members present: Robert Prokop (chair), Dennis Hogan, Janet Terry and Jon Pearson. Conservation Agent Jay Smith was present.

Meeting called to order at 6:51 pm.

**Request for Determination of Applicability --- William Donovan, 63 Birchmeadow Rd.** --- Applicant would like to add an addition and driveway and permit an existing patio and deck within the buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland.

Mr. Donovan was in attendance and explained his project. He filed an after the fact filing for a deck and patio and a current proposal for expansion of his home by 6ft. and a u-shaped driveway made out of pervious materials. Previous work, deck and patio was mostly in excess of 50 ft. with a permeable base. Proposed work would occur on the opposite side of the house and along the side next to the street. D. Hogan made a motion to approve the project with a Neg. 3 decision and the following conditions: Any stockpiling of materials shall be place on the side of the existing driveway. Notify Agent when work begins. J. Terry seconded the motion with a unanimous vote of approval (4-0).

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

A neighbor, James DeWolfe was in attendance and explained that he had never placed any debris, trash or other materials on Mr. Richards property as was suggested by Mr. Richards. Reports have come in from unnamed sources that the lot is still being disturbed. The Commission will continue to monitor the situation and take pictures.

**Discussion: Tom Graham, 11 Bisson Lane** --- Request for an extension of Order of Conditions.

The Commission wanted Mr. Graham to make it clear why he wanted an extension for the OC. Work seemed to be completed and a COC request might be more appropriate. If Mr. Graham wants to do additional work on the property additional filings will be needed relevant to that work proposed. A letter was sent to Mr. Graham by the Agent informing him of the situation on July 2, 2019.

**Discussion: Kathleen and Charles Mennella, 10 Pine Bluff Ave. ---**  
Possible violation.

It was observed that an excavator was doing work at the property involving digging and placement of fill. The Commission requested that the Agent notify the homeowners and request that they file for the next meeting or issue an Enforcement Order if needed.

**Discussion: Robert Grasso, 1 Bancroft Lane ---** Possible violation on riverfront.

Mr. Grasso was not in attendance and submitted evidence through the agent that a neighbor had erected a structure within the 200ft. riverfront area without a permit. The Commission looked at the materials present and thought that the structure, not having a foundation of any kind and allowing some light penetration would be considered a temporary structure and allowed without a filing.

Other Business:

B. Prokop offered some ideas for the use of Indian Head Park as a turtle refuge.

**Discussion: Minutes**

The minutes for May were reviewed and approved as is (2-0) with J. Pearson and J. Terry abstaining.

Meeting Adjourned.

**The next C.C meeting is July 23, 6:45pm., at the Public Library.**