



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

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Members present: Bob Prokop (chair), Janet Terry, Arthur Yarranton, Dennis Hogan and Greg Hochmuth Conservation Agent Jay Smith was present.

Public Hearing --- Notice of Intent --- Steven Hogan, 16 Lakewood Drive -

-- For the installation of an in-ground pool in the buffer zone to a bordering wetland.

Dennis Quintal (engineer) and Steve Hogan were in attendance and explained the project and submitted a revised plan. The owner stated that they would plant 5 trees and 3 shrubs to enhance the buffer zone. B. Prokop made a motion to approve the request with the following Conditions: 1. Send in a planting plan before work begins. 2. Leave stumps in place from trees cut. 3. Discharge any water from the maintenance of the pool into a drywell or use a cartridge filter and 4. Abide by the Standard Conditions. The motion was seconded by J. Terry with a unanimous vote.

Public Hearing --- Notice of Intent --- Thomas Tribble, 119 River Rd. ---

For the reconstruction of a deck within the Merrimack River resource area.

In attendance were Mike Seekamp (Seekamp Env.) and Mr. Tribble. They stated that there would be plenty of access when the deck is demolished to access the sono tube closest to the bank. 11 new sono tubes for the foundation are proposed. The Commission also talked about the invasives surrounding the deck. The Agent shall monitor the following: The South west post located closest to the bank shall be place at least 3ft. upland. 2. Work shall be done by hand. 3. The old deck shall be removed and disposed of first. 4. The invasive knotweed will be allowed to be cut with the last cutting herbicide could be applied to the cut stems. G. Hochmuth made a motion to issue an Order of Conditions with following Conditions: The applicant shall notify the Agent 72hr. prior to starting work . The Conditions for work on the site shall be given to the applicant

and monitored by the Agent as work progresses. The motion was seconded by A. Yarranton and a vote was 4-1 to approve with B. Prokop abstaining.

Discussion: Ginamarie Talford, 74 River Rd. --- Cutting request.

The home owners were present and asked that the no-cut sign be removed on land not owned by the Talfords. The Commission stated that if the homeowners would send in a letter stating that they would not do any cutting in the area across the street and abide by that the Commission would consider its removal.

Discussion: Amy Weinberg, 76 River Rd. --- Cutting violation.

The Commission asked the agent to send out an Enforcement Order requesting the homeowner stop cutting land she did not own along the River.

Discussion: Kevin Grodon, Abbey Road Development --- OC Extension Request.

On the recommendation of the agent the Commission granted an extension of the Order of Conditions for Abbey Road Development.

Discussion: Linda Sawyer, 5 Westminster --- Updates on violation.

Mike Seekamp (wetland scientist) submitted paperwork stating that the work had been completed to his satisfaction concerning the Enforcement Order issued. A site visit will be set for a day before the next meeting. Continued.

Discussion: Adam McLaughlin, 4 Lake Ave. --- Would like to talk about dock permits.

Mr. Mclaughlin talked about the Chapter 91 process and the costs involved.

Discussion: 56 Birchmeadow Rd. --- violation.

The Agent reported that the violation that occurred at 56 Birchmeadow Rd. was rectified.

Discussion: 4 Dunvegan Dr. --- Violation.

The Agent will get in touch with the owners and ask them to attend the next scheduled meeting.

Discussion: Minutes

The minutes for May were approved with minor modifications.

The next C.C meeting is July 24, 2018, 7:30pm., at the Public Library.