

**Conservation Commission Minutes
October 27, 2016**

Attendees:

Present: Harry Bailey, Member and Acting Chair; Melissa Desjardins, Member;
Azu Etoniru, Conservation Agent; Robert Mello, Member; and Matthew Stoddard, Member

Absent: Tina Bianco-Leo, Associate Member; Mariah Jennings-Rampsi, Associate Member;
Marilyn MacDonald, Vice-Chair; and Dick Monteith, Chair

Conservation Commission – Old Business

Notice of Intent – 1 Lakeshore Center, 2018 and 2020 Pleasant Street – SE116-1392

Mr. Harry Bailey, Member and Acting Chair, opened the continued hearing and reviewed and read an email dated October 26, 2016 from Stevie Carvalho, E.I.T, Sr. Project Manager, Farland Corporation into the record. It stated the following:

"With regards to the site visit, I do understand that the commission is comprised of volunteers with limited availability. We certainly do not expect them to be able to visit the site between the notice I gave and the meeting scheduled for Thursday. With regards to the comments per your October 17, 2016 letter. We were waiting to see if your review of the possible enforcement orders you mentioned for 2018 and 2020 Pleasant Street warranted any significant changes to the design before making any revisions. Based on your email it seems we should proceed with addressing your October 17, 2016 comments. We hope to have all revised documents to you for review prior to the next conservation commission meeting. Therefore, we respectfully request that our project scheduled on the October 27, 2017 agenda be continued to the next available meeting. Can someone please confirm receipt of our continuance request and provide us with the date of the next scheduled meeting. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any further questions regarding this matter."

Mr. Robert Mello, Member, motioned to accept the applicant's request and continued the hearing to November 10, 2016 at 7pm in the Municipal Office Building. Ms. Melissa Desjardins, Member, seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in favor, none opposed.

Notice of Intent – Beninati Farm Road, Map 119, Parcel 18 and 87 – SE116-1394

Mr. Harry Bailey, Member and Acting Chair, opened the continued hearing. Mr. Michael J. Koska recapped the scope of the proposed project, and the Commission reviewed their site walk findings. Ms. Melissa Desjardins asked the applicant to explain why there were wetland pipes out there. Mr. Koska explained that the existing wetland pipes are from an earlier wetland delineation done by Walter Hewittson, and that the new wetland delineation was done by Ken Thomson. Mr. Bailey stated that he did a site walk visit with Marilyn MacDonald yesterday, and checked all the flags, and the boundaries of the house, as it relates to the proposed project. Mr. Bailey stated that it is close, but will be within the limits. A foundation as-built foundation plan will need to be submitted to the Conservation Commission.

The Commission reviewed all the material as presented and there were no further comments or concerns, and no abutters present for comments. Ms. Melissa Desjardins, Member, made a motion to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions with a special condition requiring a foundation as-built plan. Mr. Robert Mello, Member, seconded the motion. VOTE: All in favor, none opposed.

Conservation Commission – New Business

Request for Determination of Applicability – 139 Arrowhead Drive, Map 13, Parcel 56

Mr. Harry Bailey, Member and Acting Chair, opened the hearing and read the public hearing notice for the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Michael Moreshead, 3 Paula Lane, Foxboro, MA on behalf of the applicant who proposed to repair an existing septic system and requested a determination from the Commission whether the work depicted on the plan is subject to jurisdiction under the Wetland Protection Act and Town of Bridgewater wetland by-law. The property is owned by Aspen Properties, 17 Oxford St, Taunton, MA and is located at 139 Arrowhead Dr as identified on Assessor's Map 13, Parcel 56.

Mr. Michael Moreshead, representing the applicant, made a presentation to the Commission, explaining the scope of the project as depicted on the engineered plans dated October 1, 2016 entitled "*Repair On-site Sewage Disposal System, 139 Arrowhead Drive, Bridgewater, MA*" as prepared by DMG Associates, 40 Thomas Road, Berkley, MA and stamped and signed by William E. Gottwald, Jr., PE. Mr. Moreshead stated that the owner of the property purchased the home knowing that the system was failed, and explained in detail the installation of the new septic system, which would be located to the right of the house. Mr. Moreshead informed the Commission that the test pits were not done where the new septic system will be placed, and he did not know whether the location of the tank until they begin the work. The Commission reviewed the site walk findings, and Mr. Azu Etoniru reviewed the engineered plans and noted that the tank was 27' from the wetlands. The plans did not reflect where the materials from excavating would be stored. Mr. Etoniru also stated that test pits should be done at the site of the proposed septic system, and that erosion control barriers should be installed. Mr. Etoniru stated that anything is an improvement from what exists, but due to the proximity of the proposed work, the project cannot be properly regulated with a Negative Determination of Applicability. Mr. Etoniru added that usually the Request for Determination of Applicability is used through the wetlands process when all activities are at least 50' away from the wetlands.

Mr. Harry Bailey, Member and Acting Vice-Chair, stated that the parcel will need to be reflagged before the Commission can make a decision, and test pits will need to be done at the site of the proposed new septic system installation. Meanwhile, the erosion control should be installed around the old leaching field and where you are going to be digging and doing test pits to protect the wetlands. The Commission reviewed all the material as presented and there were no further comments or concerns. Mr. Robert Mello, Member, motioned to issue a Positive Determination. Mr. Matthew Stoddard, Member, seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in favor, none opposed.

Conservation Commission Business

Review of Certificate of Compliance for Conant Street, Map 24, Parcel 23 – SE116-1358

The Commission reviewed the Certificate of Compliance for DEP File Number SE116-1358 for Conant Street, Map 24, Parcel 23 as presented. Ms. Melissa Desjardins, Member, made a motion to issue the Certificate of Compliance. Mr. Robert Mello, Member, seconded the motion. VOTE: All in favor, none opposed.

Commissioner Melissa Desjardins, Member, made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:37pm. Commissioner Robert Mello, Member, seconded the motion. VOTE: All in favor, none opposed. Acting Chair Harry Bailey closed the meeting. Next meeting will be on November 10, 2016 at 7:00pm in the Hearing Room located on the second floor of the Academy Building, 66 Central Square, Bridgewater.

Respectfully submitted,


Jane K. Brown
Administrative Clerk