

**Conservation Commission Minutes – July 25, 2019
at 6:30 PM in the Council Chambers on the Second Floor of the Municipal Office Building,
66 Central Square, Bridgewater, Massachusetts**

Attendees:

Present: Marilyn MacDonald, Chair; Harry Bailey, Vice-Chair; Tiffany Souza, Member and
Azu Etoniru, Conservation Agent; Jasmin Farinacci, Executive Assistant

Absent: Eileen Prisco, Member

Conservation Commission – Old Business

6:30pm – Old Business

Member Bailey moves to have other Conservation matters appear prior to the public hearing. Member Souza seconds.

VOTE: (3-0-0)

Present before the Board: Chase Ferrari, Eagle Scout

Mr. Ferrari is an Eagle Scout and has a project he would like to do at the entrance of Camp Titicut, to replace the gate and expanding the parking lot by 4 or 5 parking spots and clean up the area as well as replace old signage, remove the dirt mounds, install concrete barriers, and widen the gate so emergency vehicles can get through. Mr. Ferrari presents pictures of the site to the Commission. There is a wide pine tree that Mr. Ferrari has gone to the Highway Department to request it be removed due to the dead branches and it has been advised that the tree may be removed.

Mr. Bailey states this is a large project, but he feels Mr. Ferrari can handle it very well. The entrance gate is too small for emergency vehicles to make it through. This will enhance the parking on the site and will prevent people parking in front of the gate and restricting emergency vehicles. Most work will be done by hand, with the exception of the tree removal, which a company will be called to remove. Mr. Etonuri asks to have the office notified prior to beginning work.

- Notice of Intent – 1400, 1420, 1425 High Street, Map 14, Parcels 11, 12 & 17 **(Stantec Consulting Services)**
(requesting a continuance – August 8th)

Present before the Board: No one is present at this time

The applicant has requested a continuance until August 8, 2019.

MOTION: Member Bailey moves to continue the Notice of Intent for 1400, 1420, 1425 High Street, Map 14, Parcels 11, 12, & 17 public hearing until August 8, at 6:30. Member Souza seconds.

VOTE: (3-0-0)

- Notice of Intent – Scotland Boulevard, Map 59, Lot 14 **(Collins Engineering Group, Inc.)**

Present before the Board: Peter Lyons, Collins Engineering Group

At the last hearing this was continued due to the lack of application to the Planning Board. Currently the applicant is in the process of revising their plans and are not ready to move forward. A letter should be sent requesting a continuance.

Mr. Lyons requests a continuance for the project until August 22, 2019.

MOTION: Member Bailey moves to continue the public hearing for Scotland Boulevard, Map 59, Lot 14 until August 22, 2019 at 6:30 PM. Member Souza seconds.

VOTE: (3-0-0)

➤ Notice of Intent – 1030 Elm Street, Map 30, Lot 13 **(Silva Engineering Associates, Inc.)**

Present before the Board: Rebecca Baptista, Silva Engineering Associates

Chairman MacDonald states that work has begun on the site and they did not receive plans for the site walk. Ms. Baptista states that there were materials on site being moved outside of the 100-foot buffer zone. Member Bailey states that there was also a hole dug, about the size of a foundation drainage ditch, on the site. Silt fence had not been installed. Agent Etoniru states that there is an open Notice of Intent before the Commission and no work should have begun.

Member Bailey states that, in general, lots listed as “0” should have a telephone pole number provided so the members may find it for the site walk.

Ms. Baptista request a continuance until August 8, 2019.

MOTION: Member Bailey moves to continue the Notice of intent until August 8, 2019 at 6:30 PM. Member Souza seconds.

VOTE: (3-0-0)

MOTION: Member Bailey moves to have the administrative assistant issue an enforcement order to stop work on the site. Member Souza seconds.

VOTE: (3-0-0)

➤ Notice of Intent – South Farm Estates, Map 125, Lot 89 **(Michael J. Koska & Associates)**

Present before the Board: Michael Koska, Representing South Farm Estates

Mr. Koska states that at the last public hearing he showed the Commission changes in sheet one, currently the major changes are the drainage being proposed to meet the subdivision control law to contain 90% of the flow. There are high and low points with three detentions basins controlled with a V notch and revised drainage calculations have been submitted to the Conservation Agent.

Agent Etoniru states the Planning Board is also reviewing this project. The drainage needs to be revised and test pits need to be dug where the drainage basins have been proposed and Agent Etoniru states he needs to witness the test pits. Chairman MacDonald states she is still very concerned with the drainage and is worried that the developer may be doing more than the site can handle.

Mr. Koska states that the amount of pavement has been reduced per the Zoning By-Laws and Subdivision control law. The crossing in the wetlands is proposed in the narrowest area available. Mr. Koska states they believe they are staying away from the wetland line which will mostly be untouched. There will be three proposed lots about 1500 feet off high street and feels there will be minimal impact to the abutters.

Member Bailey would like to hear from the abutters. There are no abutters with questions at this time.

Member Bailey states he has issues with the site because the proposed area of development is known to have a high-water table and there have been abutters complaining of water on their site where it shouldn't be.

Agent Etoniru states that they will begin with test pits on the site and they need to consider the crossing of the wetlands. Crossing wetlands is allowed only if there are no other means of access to the site.

Present before the Board: Milton Warris, property owner

Mr. Warris states prior to purchasing the property he came before the Conservation Commission to establish a wetlands line, which was granted a negative determination of an RDA because it was out of the Commission's jurisdiction. The property that was approved at that time was out of the wetlands, and at that time it was not stated that the property would need to be used without crossing the wetlands.

The Commission entertains a motion to continue.

Mr. Koska will not be available to meet in August, but he can send a representative.

MOTION: Member Bailey moves to continue the public hearing for South Farm Estates, Map 125, Lot 89 until August 22, 2019 at 6:30 PM. Member Souza seconds.

VOTE: (3-0-0)

➤ Notice of Intent - 30 Stonehill Lane **(Silva Engineering Associates)**

Present before the Board: Rebecca Baptista, Silva Engineering Associates

The applicant is filing a Notice of Intent to construct a single-family home with a driveway, septic, and associated grading within the buffer zone to a previously approved wetland. The corner of the house and the two corners of the septic were staked. The Board has no questions on this filing.

MOTION: Member Bailey moves to close the public hearing for 30 Stonehill Lane. Member Souza seconds.

VOTE: (3-0-0)

➤ Notice of Intent – 10 Stonehill Lane **(Silva Engineering Associates)**

This item was continued until September 12, 2019 at the prior hearing.

6:30pm – New Business

➤ Notice of Intent – 86 Spring Street, Map 21, Lot 168 **(Michael J. Koska & Associates)**

This item is tabled at 7:07 PM.

This item is opened at 7:25 PM.

Present before the Board: Michael Koska, Michael J. Koska & Associates

Chairman MacDonald reads the public hearing notice into the record.

The applicant is proposing to increase on-site parking within a 100-foot buffer zone. There is a 50-foot buffer, 100-foot buffer, and 200-foot buffer shown on the plan. The existing and proposed parking is shown on the plan. The rear of the site drops off heavily toward Town River. The existing conditions appear to grade toward the rear of the site. Any runoff that goes toward the river is currently not treated. Mr. Koska is proposing to gather the roof runoff on the site and put it into a roof recharge system. The applicant is proposing to add 13 parking spaces. The runoff from the parking lot is proposed to filter through a filter trench into a bio-retention area. After a certain elevation it overflows to a lateral riprap pad where it will dissipate. There would be a Cape Cod Berm to direct the flow from the roof recharge system, there are straw wattles proposed on the site for erosion control. This is designed to withstand the 100-year storm. They do have a DEP File Number SE169-1454.

Agent Etoniru states he has witnessed test pits on the site, which is unsuitable material for the first 6 feet. Below that 6-feet the material is a suitable gravel, so the applicant may have to replace the topsoil. Agent Etoniru states due to when

the site was established, they are allowed to perform work within the 100-foot buffer zone and stormwater basins are allowed due to this as well.

Member Bailey states that he is concerned with salt and the stormwater measures due to the pavement. Member Bailey is concerned with protecting the Taunton river.

Chairman MacDonald recommends perhaps having a site walk to review the site.

Agent Etoniru states that there could be a permanent condition on the site that no chemicals/salt be added.

Mr. Koska states this was the intention of the riprap filtration system, and they can install additional filtration measures in the proposed drainage basin. Mr. Koska states there is an existing parking lot on the site that has no existing drainage.

Present before the Board: Milton Warris, property owner

Mr. Warris shows pictures to the Commission of the site as it existed prior and feels at this time there have been improvements to the site and feels this would be a further improvement.

MOTION: Member Bailey moves to continue the public hearing for 86 Spring Street, Map 21, Lot 168 until August 8, 2019. Member Souza seconds.

VOTE: (3-0-0)

MOTION: Member Bailey moves for a 5-minute recess at 7:44 PM. Member Souza seconds.

VOTE (3-0-0)

➤ Request for Determination – 9 Magnolia Way, Lot 44 RA **(Prime Engineering, Inc.)**

Present before the Board: Arian, Prime Engineering, Inc.

Chairman MacDonald reads the public hearing notice into the record.

This lot was one single lot as Lot 44, they created 97 lots in the Bridgewater preserve, some areas were unsuitable in the northeast portions of the site. This specific lot was subdivided into two lots, Lot 44RA and 44RB. On Lot 44RA they are proposing some minor grading and erosion control slightly within the 100-foot buffer but outside of the 50-foot buffer. Agent Etoniru recommends a Negative Determination for this subdivision.

MOTION: Member Bailey moves to grant a Negative Determination on 9 Magnolia Way, Lot 44 RA, with the requirement of erosion control inspection before they begin work. Member Souza seconds.

VOTE: (3-0-0)

➤ Request for Determination – 9 Magnolia Way, Lot 44 RB **(Prime Engineering, Inc.)**

Present before the Board: Arian, Prime Engineering, Inc.

Chairman MacDonald reads the public hearing notice into the record.

This is Lot 44RB. On this lot there were exploratory test pits throughout the lot and there were unsuitable materials, with one area providing appropriate material, where the septic design is proposed as default. All work will be performed outside of the 50-foot buffers.

MOTION: Member Bailey moves to grant a Negative Determination on 9 Magnolia Way, Lot 44 RA, with the requirement of erosion control inspection before they begin work. Member Souza seconds.

VOTE: (3-0-0)

- Request for Determination – 15 Greenbrier Lane, Map 36, Lot 85 **(Collins Engineering Group, Inc.)**

Present before the Board: Peter Lyons, Collins Engineering Group, Inc.
Catherine Santos, Owner

Member Souza reads the public hearing notice into the record.

Mr. Lyons states they are before the Commission to repair a failed septic system with drainage on site and wetlands in the rear. It is proposed to replace the septic system with a gravity leaching field. There will be no trees removed and no grading. Erosion control measures are currently on the site. The site will not change visually. The erosion control is as close as 60' from the wetlands. The silt sacks and catch basins will be covered during construction.

Agent Etoniru states that it is important to upgrade the system.

MOTION: Member Bailey moves to grant a Negative Determination for 15 Greenbrier Lane, Map 36, Lot 85, with the requirement of an erosion control inspection before they begin work. Member Souza seconds.

VOTE: (3-0-0)

- Request for Notice of Intent – 200 Beech Street, Map 131, Lot 31 **(Collins Engineering Group, Inc.)**

Present before the Board: Peter Lyons, Collins Engineering Group, Inc.

Member Souza reads the public hearing notice into the record.

Mr. Lyons states they are before the Commission for a Notice of Intent to replace a failed septic system. There are on-site wetlands in the rear and off-site wetlands on the opposite side of Beach Street. There is not a 100-foot buffer shown on the plan due to the location of the 25-foot and 50-foot buffer. They are able to maintain 60-feet to the leaching field from the closest flag (flag 13). With the setbacks of the lot-line and the placement of the driveway and utilities it is not feasible to place the tank and leaching field at any other location on the site. They are not anticipating any tree removal. There is proposed erosion control starting at the corner of the house and getting as close as 40-feet to the wetlands.

Agent Etoniru states this filing required a Notice of Intent because of the proximity to the wetlands, but the septic system needs to be replaced.

MOTION: Member Bailey moves to close the hearing for. Member Souza seconds.

VOTE: (3-0-0)

- Request for Determination – 40 East Street, Map 26, Lot 67 **(Silva Engineering Associates, Inc.)**

Present before the Board: Rebecca Baptista, Silva Engineering

Chairman MacDonald reads the public hearing notice into the record.

The applicant is requesting an RDA to replace the septic is outside of the 50-foot buffer zone. The area is fenced and there is proposed to be erosion control on the site around the driveway. The system will be replaced where the existing system is.

Agent Etoniru states this is a septic repair and needs to be replaced.

MOTION: Member Bailey moves to grant a Negative Determination for 40 East Street, Mao 26, Lot 67 with the requirement of erosion control inspection before they begin work. Member Souza seconds.

VOTE: (3-0-0)

- Request for Determination – 640 auburn Street, Map 66, Lot 49 **(Silva Engineering Associates, Inc.)**

Present before the Board: Rebecca Baptista, Silva Engineering Group

Chairman MacDonald reads the public hearing notice into the record.

The applicant is requesting to replace an existing damaged pipe on the site. There will be erosion control around the area of disturbance.

Agent Etoniru states the pipe is compromised and backs up water and threatening the existing house and feels this is necessary work.

MOTION: Member Bailey moves to grant a Negative Determination for 640 auburn Street, Map 66, Lot 49 with the requirement of erosion control inspection before they begin work. Member Souza seconds.

VOTE: (3-0-0)

6:30pm – Conservation Commission Business

- Other Business: As deemed appropriate by the Commission

- Review of Certificate of Compliance – 365 Elm Street

The client is looking to extend the existing Order of Conditions, this was a scrivener's error in the agenda.

MOTION: Member Bailey moves to extend the Order of Conditions for 365 Elm Street. Member Souza seconds.

VOTE: (3-0-0)

- Review of Certificate of Compliance – Lakeshore Center, Lot 3

The Commission was waiting for the applicant to pay the fee, which has at this point been paid. There is no decision made on this matter as the Certificate of Compliance was not provided to the Commission.

- Review of Certificate of Compliance – 86 Aldrich Road

MOTION: Member Bailey moves to approve the Certificate of Compliance for 86 Aldrich Road. Member Souza seconds

VOTE: (3-0-0)

- Review of Meeting Minutes from June 27, 2019

MOTION: Member Bailey approve the meeting minutes from June 27, 2019. Member Sullivan seconds.

VOTE: (3-0-0)

Review of Meeting Minutes

The Commission reviewed the meeting minutes from the May 9, 2019 meeting. Eileen Prisco, Member, made a motion to approve the minutes from May 9, 2019 as written. Tiffany Souza, Member, seconded the motion. **VOTE:** All in favor, none opposed.

Boy Scout Eagle Project – Titicut

Harry Bailey, Vice Chair, provided an update on a boy Scout going for an Eagle project at camp Titicut. The project involves work on the gated entrance to the camp grounds and increasing available parking spaces.

MOTION: Member Bailey moves to close the public hearing. Member Souza seconds.

VOTE: (3-0-0) Chairman MacDonald, closed the meeting.

Next meeting will be on August 8, 2019 at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers located on the second floor of the Municipal Office Building, 66 Central Sq, Bridgewater.

Date signed: _____

Attest: _____

BRIDGEWATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Date copy sent to Town Clerk: _____