

**Conservation Commission Minutes – September 12, 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

6:30pm – Old Business

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

Present before the Board: Lori Benoit, Stantec
Justin Motta, Stantec

Mr. Motta states this application had extended for a period of time to wait for discussions between DEP and the Water Department. The Water Department and offices will no longer be built on this property, the Town has decided to locate that at a different area in Town. Impacts on the site have not changed since the initial filing. There are impacts within the 100' and 50'. Ms. Benoit states there are wetlands to the North and the Nemasket riverfront area to the West. The building area that is proposed to be changed is outside of the riverfront area. Mr. Motta states that the building size was reduced, and a parking lot proposed in front of the building was moved, and impervious surface area was reduced. There is a minor increase in impact which is reconstruction of existing impervious surface. There is a concrete pad with a generator that will be replaced, as well as a small pad at the well pump. The rear of the site will be re-graded to address drainage issues that occurred. All pavement replacement will be done within the 200' buffer. There is an existing maintenance garage with the existing water department building. The applicant will be decommissioning the existing water department building, but they will not be demolishing the entire building. The maintenance garage will remain and will be extended. The entire existing driveway on the site will be re-done. There is approximately 4,000 s.f. of riverfront area impact. A portion of the building to be rehabilitated is within that area, as well as the replacement of the existing impervious surface. Chairman MacDonald states she does not have any concerns with the project. No one from the audience wishes to speak.

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

VOTE: (3-0-0)

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

Present before the Board: No one is present before the Board

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

Present before the Board: Rebecca Baptista, Silva Engineering Group, Inc.

The applicant has requested a continuance for 10 Stonehill Lane until October 24, 2019.

Chairman MacDonald makes note that Tiffany Souza is no longer on the Conservation Commission.

MOTION: Member Prisco moves to continue 10 Stonehill Lane to October 24, 2019. Member Bailey 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

This item was previously continued to allow for the Board to have a site walk to review the site and staking. The Board did not have any concerns with the project at this time.

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

VOTE: (3-0-0)

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

Present before the Board: Michael J. Koska

The applicant has requested a continuance until September 26, 2019.

MOTION: Member Prisco moves to continue the public hearing for South Farm Estates to September 26, 2019. Member Bailey seconds.

VOTE: (3-0-0)

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

Present before the Board: Michael J. Koska

Mr. Koska states the last time he was before the Board they reviewed the plans and the Board had expressed an interest in reviewing the site to see what the impacts to the Town River might be in regards to its role as part of the Taunton Watershed. Member Bailey states that he is in agreement with fencing going up around the site. Member Bailey is concerned with stormwater flow and salt from the parking lot draining into the Town River.

Mr. Koska states that he does not have an issue if the Board makes it a Condition that no sodium chloride may be used on the site.

Member Bailey states on the measure of restricting the use of sodium chloride he would like it posted so that any company hired to perform snow removal will be aware of the restriction.

MOTION: Member Prisco moves to close the public hearing for 86 Spring Street. Member Bailey seconds.

VOTE: (3-0-0)

6:30pm – New Business

➤ Notice of Intent – 81 Crescent Drive, Map 47, Lot 42 **(Silva Engineering Associates, Inc.)**

Present before the Board: Rebecca Baptista

Ms. Baptista presents the Board with a Notice of Intent to construct an addition within the buffer zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. Ms. Baptista states that the lots are unusually small in this area.

Member Bailey states there was a bobcat and stone dust in the driveway. Behind the existing dwelling a 15'x15' hole had been dug with stone dust placed in the hole with stones around it. There was also some digging done along the outer edge of the site, within the 50' buffer.

Ms. Baptista asks if the hearing could be tabled so she may call the owner and inquire about the stone dust and perimeter digging.

This project is tabled.

Ms. Baptista states the stone dust is for placement of a patio. The work within the 50' no touch zone is due to complications with the gutter system which was pinched and flooding the basement.

Member Bailey states the proposed patio should be on the as-built. The hearing will be continued in order to receive a revised plan.

MOTION: Member Prisco moves to continue the public hearing for 81 Crescent Drive to September 26, 2019. Member Bailey seconds.

VOTE: (3-0-0)

- Notice of Intent – 561 Forest Street, Map 99, Lot 3 **(Foresight Engineering)**

Present before the Board: Darren, Foresight Engineering

The hearing was not posted in the newspaper. The public hearing was not opened. If proper notice is posted in the newspaper the hearing will be held September 26, 2019.

- Request for Determination of Applicability – Route 24 **(MassDOT)**

Present before the Board: Cory B., MassDOT

The applicant does not have the tear sheet from the newspaper. The hearing was not opened. The hearing will be heard on September 26, 2019.

- Request for Determination of Applicability

Present before the Board: Rebecca Baptista **(Silva Engineering Associates, Inc.)**

The applicant has applied for a Request for Determination of Applicability to remove an existing deck to create a three-season room. No grading is proposed. Sono tubes are being installed for the foundation. The Board has no issues with this.

MOTION: Member Prisco moves to grant a Negative Determination with the condition that the silt fence be installed and inspected prior to construction. Member Bailey seconds.

VOTE: (3-0-0)

6:30pm – Conservation Commission Business

- Other Business: As deemed appropriate by the Commission
- Certificate of Compliance – 435 Forest Street, Map 99, Lot 94 **(Silva Engineering Associates, Inc.)**

The Commission has no comments on the Certificate of Compliance.

MOTION: Member Prisco moves to approve the Certificate of Compliance. Member Bailey seconds.

VOTE: (3-0-0)

- Discussion: Community Preservation Act Funds **(JM Goldson – Anna Callahan)**
- Memorial Bench
- Review of Meeting Minutes from July 25, 2019

MOTION: **Member Prisco moves to approve the minutes from July 25, 2019. Member Bailey seconds.**

VOTE: (3-0-0)

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

VOTE: (3-0-0) Chairman MacDonald, closed the meeting at 7:16 PM.

Next meeting will be on September 26, 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: _____