

**Conservation Commission Minutes  
December 21, 2016 – Teleconference**

**Attendees:**

Present: Marilyn MacDonald, Vice-Chair, Harry Bailey, Member; Melissa Desjardins, Member; and Matthew Stoddard, Member

Absent: Azu Etoniru, Conservation Agent; Mariah Jennings-Rampsi, Associate Member; Robert Mello, Member; and Dick Monteith, Chair

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**Conservation Commission Business**

**Notice of Intent – Off Auburn Street, Map 79, Lots 1, 2, 4 and 18 – SE116-1383**

The Commission reviewed the Denied Order of Conditions for DEP File Number SE116-1383 for Auburn Street, Map 79, Lots 1, 2, 4 and 18, and the following was read into the record:

**ATTACHMENT A – DEP File No. SE 116-1383**

*Issued under the MA Wetlands Protection Act and regulations and the Town of Bridgewater's Wetland Protection Bylaw.*

**Findings**

*On December 8, 2016, the Commission voted to close the hearing for DEP File No SE 116-1383 at the request of the applicant. During the hearing, the Commission identified additional information needed from the applicant. The additional information was necessary to determine if the proposed project met the performance standards for work in a Bordering Vegetated Wetland and the 100-foot buffer zone. Additional information which was necessary and requested included:*

- 1. An identification of any hydric soils on the site.*
- 2. Additional information regarding the suitability of the soils for the use of infiltration trenches.*
- 3. An evaluation of Beaver Brook, located to the west of the site, including whether Beaver Brook is a perennial water body.*
- 4. Additional information regarding the proposed fencing and whether said fence would adversely affect the wildlife habitat of the site.*
- 5. A response to MA DEP and the Commission regarding the wetland change areas shown on MA GIS. MA GIS shows three (3) separate areas of wetland change totaling 22,792 square feet.*

*In addition to the above, the Commission sought a response to a letter dated September 7, 2016 from Wetland Strategies, Inc. Wetland Strategies was retained to review the project on behalf of the Commission and identified seven (7) deficiencies in their September 7 letter. A copy of their letter is attached to this Order.*

*Due to a lack of the above information, the Commission voted on December 21, 2016 to deny the project without prejudice in accordance with 310 CMR 10.05 (6) (c).*

Ms. Melissa Desjardins, Member, made a motion to issue the Denied Order of Conditions as written.

Mr. Harry Bailey, Member, seconded the motion. VOTE: All in favor, none opposed.

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Commissioner Matthew Stoddard, Member, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:15pm. Commissioner Harry Bailey, Member, seconded the motion. VOTE: All in favor, none opposed. Next meeting will be on January 12, 2017 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