

**Conservation Commission Minutes
April 27, 2017**

Attendees:

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

Absent: Robert Mello, Member

Conservation Commission – Old Business

Notice of Intent – Definitive Subdivision – Oldfield Estates, Off Cherry Street – SE116-1395

Ms. Marilyn MacDonald, Vice-Chair, opened the continued hearing and read a letter dated April 27, 2017 from Lawrence P. Silva, P.E., S.E., President, Silva Engineering, Associates, Inc., into the record. It stated the following:

"On behalf of our client, Silva Engineering Associates would like to request a continuance from your April 27, 2017 meeting until your next meeting on May 11, 2017. The request will allow for test pits to be completed and time for the review Engineer to conduct his review of the project. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me."

Mr. Harry Bailey, Member, motioned to continue the hearing to May 25, 2017. Ms. Melissa Desjardins, Member, seconded the motion. VOTE: All in favor, none opposed.

Notice of Intent – Off Ashtead Road, Map 87 and 100, Parcels 142 and 90 – SE116-1400

Ms. Marilyn MacDonald, Vice-Chair, opened the continued hearing and read a letter dated April 27, 2017 from Lawrence P. Silva, P.E., S.E., President, Silva Engineering, Associates, Inc., into the record. It stated the following:

"On behalf of our client, Trinity Covenant Church, Silva Engineering Associates would like to request a continuation from your April 27, 2017 hearing to your next meeting on May 11, 2017. The extension of time will allow for more test pits to be completed and result reviewed. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me."

Mr. Harry Bailey, Member, motioned to continue the hearing to May 25, 2017. Ms. Melissa Desjardins, Member, seconded the motion. VOTE: All in favor, none opposed.

Notice of Intent – 785 Elm Street – SE116-1401

Ms. Marilyn MacDonald, Chair, opened the continued hearing and reviewed the Commission site walk findings.

Mr. Harry Bailey, Vice-Chair, showed pictures that depicted where the land slopes downward from the street. Mr. Bailey stated that there is an overflow from the river that goes halfway up the property. Mr. Bailey expressed his concern regarding leakage from the vehicles being stored there, and suggested that the site could be raised, install drainage and asphalt. Mr. Silva debated whether or not the site needed to be asphalted, and suggested the use of compact gravel as an alternative.

The Commission, along with the applicant's representative, Larry Silva from Silva Engineering discussed the need to asphalt the site versus using the compact gravel as an alternative and the pros and cons of each; as well as the stormwater management plan and the drainage system. The Commission also reviewed the site operations and maintenance again.

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

Conservation Commission – New Business

Notice of Intent – 1361 Vernon Street, Map 131, Parcel 24 – SE116-1401

Ms. Marilyn MacDonald, Vice-Chair, opened the hearing and read the public hearing notice for the Notice of Intent filed by Marc Emma, 7 Autumn Circle, Bridgewater, MA who proposed to construct an addition, a deck and a pool within the buffer zone to a wetlands. The property is owned by Marc Emma and is located at 7 Autumn Circle as identified on Assessor's Map 63, Parcel 108-7.

Mr. Lawrence Silva, PE, representing the applicant, made a presentation to the Commission, explaining the scope of the project as depicted on the engineered plans dated October 24, 2016 entitled "*Proposed Addition Plan*" as prepared by Silva Engineering Associates. Mr. Silva also discussed the existing topography and drainage at the site.

Ms. Bonnie Nickless, abutter residing at 9 Autumn Circle, expressed concern that the water table may change due to the project. The Commission and Mr. Silva addressed her concerns.

The Commission requested that the back side of the proposed pool location be staked out. Mr. Robert Mello, Member, motioned to continue the hearing to January 12, 2017 pending a site walk visit. Ms. Melissa Desjardins, Member, seconded the motion. VOTE: All in favor, none opposed.

Conservation Commission Business

Review of Certificate of Compliance for 334 North Street – SE116-1345

The Commission reviewed the Certificate of Compliance for DEP File Number SE116-1345 for 334 North Street, Map 32 and 14 as presented. Mr. Harry Bailey, Member, made a motion to issue the Certificate of Compliance. Mr. Matthew Stoddard, Member, seconded the motion. VOTE: All in favor, none opposed.

Work Permit Release for 91-93 High Street – SE116-1130

Mr. Azu Etoniru reviewed with the Commission the filing procedures and history of the Certificate of Compliance for DEP File Number SE116-1345 for 334 North Street, Map 32 and 14 as presented. Mr. Harry Bailey, Member, made a motion to issue the Certificate of Compliance. Mr. Matthew Stoddard, Member, seconded the motion. VOTE: All in favor, none opposed.

Commissioner Harry Bailey, Member, made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:10pm. Commissioner Harry Bailey, Member, seconded the motion. VOTE: All in favor, none opposed. Commissioner Melissa Desjardins closed the meeting. Next meeting will be on May 25, 2017 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers located on the second floor of the Municipal Office Building, 66 Central Square, Bridgewater.

Respectfully submitted,


Jane K. Brown
Administrative Clerk