

MEETING MINUTES

Conservation Commission

February 11, 2021

6:30 PM

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Members Present: David Lersch, Tali Maidelis, Richard Muckle, Jessica Patterson and Geneva Renegar
Members Absent: Michael Stankov and Wade Thomas
Alternates Present: Julie Wainscott and Ivy Plis (1 Vacancy)
Staff Present: Maureen FitzGerald, Environmental Planner
Katrina Kotfer, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

Chairman Muckle called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Ivy Plis was seated for W. Thomas and J. Wainscott was seated for M. Stankov.

2. APPROVAL of the January 28, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Motion made by T. Maidelis, second by G. Renegar to approve the January 28, 2021 meeting minutes.

Vote: 7-0

3. APPLICATION REVIEW

No applications were discussed.

4. NEW APPLICATIONS

C-21-1 55 & 65 Rope Ferry Road – Invasive Species Management/Wetland Restoration Plan – Brian Flaherty, Applicant, Town of Waterford, Owner

Staff reviewed with the Commission the application materials.

J. Wainscott questioned if there will be changes to the walkway. Staff noted there is an existing footpath.

D. Lersch noted that the proposal will be an improvement to Town property.

Motion: Motion made by T. Maidelis, second by J. Wainscott have staff prepare a draft permit for approval at the next meeting.

Vote: 7-0

5. VIOLATIONS

54 Rope Ferry Road – Unauthorized Clearing of Vegetation and Soil Grading Within and Adjacent to Intermittent Watercourse at Rope Ferry Condominiums – Notice of Violation dated February 5, 2021

Kathy Snyder, Cheryl Sirpenski, and Jack Cunningham were present as representatives of the Rope Ferry Commons Condominium Association. Mr. Cunningham apologized for the work that occurred, noting they did not believe a permit was needed. He explained that the intent was to clear the channel and to improve flow and reduce odors. A small backhoe was used to push and pull material out of the channel.

D. Lersch requested a wetland restoration plan be prepared to restore wetland function. The owners may need to hire a third party to create a plan. T. Maidelis also requested a remedial plan be submitted. I. Plis suggested the plan find some middle ground for keeping the water flowing and eliminate the stagnant conditions.

Staff requested time to review the area, document what was conducted and if any immediate stabilization measures are required, to direct the association to implement those measures. Due to frozen ground and snow cover, more time will be needed to evaluate the site conditions. The homeowner's association members authorized staff to review the property.

The violation discussion was continued to the next scheduled meeting.

14B Shore Road – Unauthorized Culvert Installation and Fill Placement within Wetlands and Watercourses – Notice of Violation November 12, 2020 – Wetland Enhancement Plan to be submitted by May 31, 2021 and implemented within 90 days of approval.

Staff reported that she had received notification from the builder that a wetland scientist has been hired to prepare a wetland enhancement plan.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

21 Sixth Avenue – Determination of Permit Requirement

Staff reviewed with the Commission a building permit application that was submitted to build a 11 x 18 pole shed. The proposed shed does not include any fill in wetlands.

Motion: Motion made by D. Lersch, second by G. Renegar to find that proposed shed be approved under Section 4.1(d) of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Waterford.

Vote: 7-0

7. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was discussed.

8. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion: Motion made by T. Maidelis, second by J. Patterson to pay the bill from The Day in the amount of \$84.00.

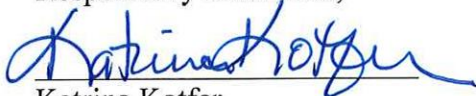
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9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Motion made by J. Wainscott, second by T. Maidelis to adjourn at 7:09 pm.

Vote: 7-0

Respectfully Submitted,



Katrina Kotfer
Recording Secretary