

TOWN OF WILBRAHAM
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WILBRAHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes from September 13, 2021

Members present: Christopher Brown; Chairman, Stoughton Smead, Robert McMaster and Alice Colman
Staff: Melissa Graves

- 7:00 PM** **Notice of Intent** **2110, 2118V, 2118, 2124 Boston Road**
This hearing has been continued from Aug 9 & 23, 2021
Applicant: Demers Family Realty
Proposed: New Commercial Building
The Conservation Commission received a notice to request a continuation to the next meeting pending an updated site plan.
Motion: Alice Colman, continue the public hearing until September 27, 2021 @ 7:30 PM
2nd: Stoughton Smead
In Favor: Robert McMaster, Christopher Brown, Stoughton Smead and Alice Colman
- 7:10 PM** **Notice of Intent** **555V Ridge Road**
Project: New Single Family Home
Applicant: Patel Rakeshkumar
The Conservation Commission received a notice to request a continuation to the next meeting pending an updated site plan.
Motion: Alice Colman, continue the public hearing until September 27, 2021 @ 7:35 PM
2nd: Stoughton Smead
In Favor: Robert McMaster, Christopher Brown, Stoughton Smead and Alice Colman
- 7:20 PM** **Notice of Intent** **733 Main Street** **DEP File 341-0381**
Project: New Single Family Home
Present: Heather Comee, Wetland Consultants Inc.
Applicant: Roger and Tanner Chapdelaine
The applicant is proposing to construct a new single family home. Some work will occur within 100' of Bordering Vegetated Wetland but all work will be outside the 50' line. The 50' line will be distinguished as the limit of work and will have permanent bounds installed. Erosion control measures will be used at the limit of work line. There was a brief discussion of using signs at the limit of work displaying wetland protection area language in addition to the permanent bounds. The Commission agreed that some sort of signage should be included in the Special Conditions for the site. The site plan also shows a small storage shed and limited grading for the proposed walk-out basement. Mr. Chapdelaine indicated that the site had a good perk test and is sandy soil.
Motion: Stoughton Smead, Close the public hearing and issue an Order of Conditions within 21 days
2nd: Alice Colman
In Favor: Robert McMaster, Christopher Brown, Stoughton Smead and Alice Colman

Notice of Intent

733 Main Street – Continued

Materials Referenced: WPA Form 3 – Notice of Intent, WPA Form 5 – Order of Conditions/Special Conditions, Site Plan “Wetland Site Plan – Main St – Wilbraham, MA dated March 17, 2021 with an update on July 27, 2021 and a final update on September 13, 2021, and DEP Notification of Wetland Protection Act File Number dated September 2, 2021

7:30 PM Appointment D & D Logging/Firewood

Present: Dennis and Diane Monette

Mr. Monette was present to inquire about harvesting the dead and/or fallen oak trees located on the property known as 285 Three Rivers Road and are owned by the Town. This parcel underwent a Forest Cutting Plan in 2016 as a shelterwood harvest – leaving mature trees as the canopy to regenerate. However, in the last four years, gypsy moths have eaten and destroyed the mature trees leaving them to stand dead without leaf cover and posing a risk of falling limbs or the entire tree. On a good note, there is a vast amount of regeneration of younger trees that are already 4’-9’ tall and healthy. Mr. Monette proposed to harvest approximately 100 cords of firewood and pay the Town \$20/cord. Work would begin immediately.

This type of project requires the Town to follow rules and regulations of procurement procedures. Prior to any work commencing or giving the “go ahead” procedures will be investigated.

Other Business

• **Minutes: July 26, 2021**

Motion: Stoughton Smead, accept as written
2nd: Alice Colman

In Favor: Robert McMaster, Christopher Brown, Stoughton Smead and Alice Colman

• **Minutes: August 9, 2021**

Motion: Stoughton Smead, accept as written
2nd: Alice Colman

In Favor: Robert McMaster, Christopher Brown, Stoughton Smead and Alice Colman

• **Emergency Certificate: Wilbraham Department of Public Works**

An issue came up just prior to this meeting that is adjacent to the end of Rice Drive with heavy rain and overflow onto the street. More details will be forwarded as the DPW learns more and will be requesting an Emergency Certificate to remedy the emergency and work to correct this flooding issue.

• **Emergency Certificate: Tighe & Bond – Adjacent to 31 Fernwood Drive**

This site had an electrical transformer sustain storm damage which resulted in some of the oil entering the storm drain and sheening was observed at the outfall and adjacent waterway. This site was issued an Emergency Certificate in July by Wilbraham Conservation and subsequently extended by DEP to September. Emergency Certificates can only be extended for 30 days and only by DEP. After Tighe & Bond and Clean Harbors completed the sheening removal, it was discovered that there were several locations when the oil settled along the grassy banks and contributed to the dead grass. There is approximately 250 – 400 square feet of sediment to remove. Issuing a new Emergency Certificate was discussed and will be taken up at the next meeting.

• **Request for Certificate of Compliance**

18 Wandering Meadows Lane

For the conveyance of this single family home and property, a Certificate of Compliance was requested from the buyer's attorney. This home has been complete for a number of years and no wetland violations were observed at this time. There are three open Orders of Conditions for this property.

1. DEP File 341-313
2. DEP File 341-237
3. DEP File 341-209

A motion was made on each DEP File number as follows:

Motion (3): Alice Colman, issue the Certificate of Compliance to 18 Wandering Meadows

2nd (3): Stoughton Smead

In Favor (3): Stoughton Smead, Alice Colman, Robert McMaster and Chris Brown

Having no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 8:50 PM. The Conservation Commission will reconvene at its next scheduled meeting on September 27, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

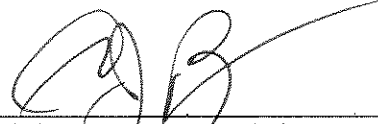
Submitted:

Approved As To Form And Content:



Melissa Graves, Administrative Assistant

Date: 10/20/2021



Christopher Brown, Chairman

Date: 10/20/21