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WILBRAHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes from September 27, 2021

**Members present:** Christopher Brown; Chairman, Stoughton Smead, Bill Dane and Alice Colman  
**Staff:** Melissa Graves

7:00 PM

**Request for Determination of Applicability**

**1 Bittersweet Lane**

**Project:** In-ground Swimming Pool

**Applicant and Present:** Mr. Sears

The applicant (owner) is proposing to install an in-ground salt water swimming pool within existing maintained lawn area. Six trees will need to be removed for safety concerns and to accommodate the pool surrounding. The lawn area is fairly level until the 50' BVW Buffer Zone and then drops a few feet in elevation to the wetland. Because of the location of the septic system, the area shown on the submitted plan is the only feasible location for the pool. Silt fence and hay bales will be used for erosion control at the 50' buffer zone. The trees will be removed and then a security fence will be installed.

**Motion:** Bill Dane, issue a Negative #3 and a Positive #5 Determination with conditions  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Alice Colman

**In Favor:** Bill Dane, Christopher Brown, Stoughton Smead and Alice Colman

*Materials Referenced: WPA Form 1 – Request for Determination of Applicability, WPA Form 2 – Determination of Applicability and Site Plan “Wetland Site Plan for Proposed Pool” dated August 10, 2021*

7:30 PM

**Notice of Intent**

**2110, 2118V, 2118, 2124 Boston Road**

**This hearing has been continued from Aug 9 & 23, 2021 and September 13, 2021**

**Applicant:** Demers Family Realty

**Present:** Felipe Cravo, Levesque Associates

**Project:** New Commercial Building

The proposed project includes the demolition of the existing large building that has been abandoned and altering the existing smaller structure that is currently occupied. A one level commercial structure is proposed to be constructed on-site as well. Mr. Cravo presented a revised site plan showing the existing drainage from the adjacent property. The new drainage system would be rerouted to go down the side of the new building and around the back reconnecting the drainage that appears to go under the RR tracks and outfalls to the Chicopee River. Mr. Cravo confirmed connectivity to the existing drainage system with a dye test. No test pits have been done to locate the underground system to know exactly where it is currently located. The revised site plan shows an on-site stormwater collection structure under the proposed paved parking area. With this system, all stormwater will remain on-site. There is an open section that drains to the wetland on the west side of the lot for any excess run-off from a super large storm. Pending updated comments from TOW Engineering, the Commission continued this hearing.

**Motion:** Bill Dane, continue the public hearing until October 20, 2021 @ 7:05 PM

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Alice Colman

**In Favor:** Bill Dane, Christopher Brown, Stoughton Smead and Alice Colman

7:35 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:** Bill Dane, continue the public hearing until November 1, 2021 @ 7:01 PM

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Alice Colman

**In Favor:** Bill Dane, Christopher Brown, Stoughton Smead and Alice Colman

### Other Business

- **Minutes: August 23, 2021**

**Motion:** Bill Dane, accept as written

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Alice Colman

**In Favor:** Bill Dane, Christopher Brown, Stoughton Smead and Alice Colman

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

**Motion:** Bill Dane, ratify the Emergency Certificate

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Stoughton Smead

**In Favor:** Bill Dane, Christopher Brown, Stoughton Smead and Alice Colman

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

**Motion:** Stoughton Smead, ratify the Emergency Certificate

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Bill Dane

**In Favor:** Bill Dane, Christopher Brown, Stoughton Smead and Alice Colman

- **Three Rivers Road Firewood Salvage Project**

After contacting three companies that operate a firewood processing facility, it was determined that Tetreault & Son Forest Management quoted the best price for the salvage firewood on this site. Mr. Tetreault indicated that he could begin the project immediately and be done within three weeks. The quote was in the amount of \$2100.00.

**Motion:** Bill Dane, award the contract to Tetreault & Son for the removal of firewood from Three Rivers Rd and authorize Chairman Christopher Brown to sign the Hold Harmless Agreement

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Stoughton Smead

**In Favor:** Bill Dane, Christopher Brown, Stoughton Smead and Alice Colman

- **Order of Conditions: 733 Main Street**

**Motion:** Bill Dane, approve the Order of Conditions with the discussed and amended Special Conditions

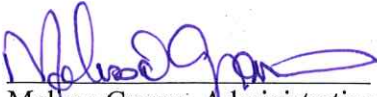
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Stoughton Smead

**In Favor:** Bill Dane, Christopher Brown, Stoughton Smead and Alice Colman

Having no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 8:45 PM. The Conservation Commission will reconvene at its next scheduled meeting on October 20, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Submitted:

Approved As To Form And Content:



Melissa Graves, Administrative Assistant

Date: 11/2/2021



Christopher Brown, Chairman

Date: 11/1/21

