Wetlands Protection Committee Minutes 02/20/2020

Town of Wellesley
Wetlands Protection Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2020

Meeting Location:
Kingsbury Room, Wellesley Police Station
485 Washington Street
Wellesley, MA 02482

Approved 4/2/2020

Members Present: Pete Jones, Vice Chair; Jim McLaren; Toby Stover; Ellie McLane, Associate Member

Members Not Present: Richard Howell and John Adams

Staff Present: Julie Meyer (Wetlands Administrator)


6:30 pm - Official Start

Administrative Business (J. Meyer)

- Meeting Minutes for 1/09 - Postponed review until they are complete
- 422 Washington Street – John Chessia invoiced and completed round 1 of peer review escrow account. Has started billing off of round 2 of the peer review escrow account.
- Emerson Road – Enbridge pipeline examined provided NRC with maintenance notification-working on Town land (outside the Enbridge easement). 100 trees set for removal with mitigation plan, reviewed under Article 97. NRC is the jurisdictional owner of the work.
- 100 William Street- Wellesley Office Park- sought clarification for greenway pruning.
- 35 Stanford Street- Julie Meyer approved removal of dead tree, COC recently received.
Public Meeting Open (Pete Jones)

7:00 pm Public Voice (J. Meyer)

Wayne Everett, 29 Rice Street, Friends of Hunnewell Field playing field task force proposed lighting at WH field: Lights are a want and not a need, looking to have lights rejected to preserve wildlife habitat.

Public Hearings – New and Continued* (Committee)

Great Plain Ave (continued NOI) (24:38)

People Present: Doug Stewart, Town of Wellesley DPW, Eric Monkiewicz VHB, Denise Cardosz VHB; Dan Cannata VHB.

New information: Presented landscape plan highlighting the 15 trees to be removed; 9 in Riverfront Area; 17 new trees in landscape plan; 12 of those in Riverfront Area. The area around the roundabout is moving farther away from Fuller Brook; a portion of sidewalk along Great Plain Av is slightly closer.

Decision: Continued to next meeting.

Special Conditions: None

Action Items:

Administrator:
• No action. More information is needed before drafting an Order.

Applicant:
• Seek opportunities to further reduce impervious surfaces.
• Provide a cost analysis for adding pervious pavement in bike lane and sidewalks.
• Produce a plan for all opportunities for alternate analysis of river front and buffer areas.
• List pollutant load from roadway surface, 13 ft. of roadway, 8 ft. of sidewalk/bike lane.
• Clarify existing pervious and impervious surfaces

20 and 40 Williams Street - MADEP # 324-0930: (continued NOI) (57:00)

People Present: Peter Tamm, Hancock Associates; George Ryan, Stantec

Decision: P. Jones asked for a motion to vote to close and issue the Order of Conditions under the Wetlands Protection Act and the Wellesley Wetlands Bylaw. J. McLaren made, and P. Jones seconded, a motion to close and approve the Order of Conditions for 20 and 40 William Street under both. The WPC voted 3 in favor and 1 against (T. Stover) to close and approve the Order of Conditions for 20 and 40 William Street under both the Wetlands Protection Act and the Wellesley Wetlands Protection Bylaw.

Special Conditions:
• Review feasibility study of use of pond as stormwater quality treatment informally with the WPC prior to requesting a COC
• Project will decrease phosphorous and improve water quality

Action Items:

Administrator:
• Issue OOC after cleaning up draft OOC of minor issues with DPW and the WPC.

Applicant:
• Perform and share feasibility study.
84 Chesteron RDA determination (1:50:29)
People Present: Libby Pingpank and daughter Izzy
Decision: Positive Determination of RDA. NOI needed
Special Conditions: None
Action Items:
 Administrator:
• Draft a Positive Determination of Applicability
 Applicant:
• Submit an NOI, or move fence out of the 25-foot No-Disturbance Zone.

130/142 Worcester Road – Wellesley Crossing (continued NOI) (2:05:50)
People Present: Wayne Bergeron, Hayes Engineering; Scott Jordan, EcoTec
New Information: Age of the trees on the off-site berms were aged from 54-90 years old, thus pre-dating the Wetlands Protection Act. Mitigation calculations pulled out into a table format. Additional narrative regarding compliance with Riverfront Alternatives Analysis. Joe Orzel of Lucas Environmental spoke agreed that the project is in compliance with Riverfront Area Performance Standards. The higher berm is not part of the Enforcement Order because it cannot be easily shown to be recent. Lower elevation of fill that consists of plow debris fill (glass and gravel) to the south is likely to be on Town Property.
Decision: Continued to next meeting.
Special Conditions:
• Have peer reviewer monitor during construction of project.
• Any new unauthorized fill material should be removed off-site, with permission of the Town, include as a condition in the Order of Conditions. Shovel, broom to pull debris from the root flares.
Action Items:
 Administrator:
• Draft OOC
• Draft an Enforcement Order for off-site impacts and on-site impacts.
 Applicant:
• Submit additional escrow check for completion of peer review.

173 Winding River Road (continued NOI) (2:55:00)
People Present: Gene Veloshin, Debbie Anderson
New Information: There is an updated plan and this includes some grading. New civil engineer Tom Ryder calculated swales to capture stormwater from the patio and pavilion; swale detail has been included. No longer pervious pavers on patio. Now a low stone retaining wall.
Decision: Continued to next meeting.
Special Conditions:
*Mitigation for tree removal must be supplied before construction (1:1 replacement with native 2” calipers in Buffer Zone)
Action Items:
 Administrator:
• Draft OOC
• Get a DPW review of the stormwater impacts.
• Verify that swales can handle pool area patio and pavilion roof stormwater.
 Applicant
• none
69 Pine Plain (COC) (new RDA) (3:08:00)
People Present: None
Wetlands Administrator reports the project is compliance for a partial COC.
Decision: Toby Stover made a motion to accept partial COC. Jim McLaren seconds. Vote in favor 3-0
Action Items:
   Administrator:
   • Issue Partial COC
   Applicant
   • None

5 Dale Street (new RDA) (3:08:00)
People Present: Denny Nackoney, George Luzaitis
New Information: G. Luzaitis presents the Eagle Scout project to construct steps down the northern slope from the Aqueduct Trail to connect to Dale Street for safety and erosion prevention. A Rain Date was proposed for May 9th. Gravel will be managed during construction.
Decision: Toby Stover made a motion to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability. Jim McLaren seconded and vote to approve the motion was 3-0.

27 Wingate Rd (new RDA) (3:08:00)
People Present: John Mahoney
New Information:
To install a 4-feet high safety fence along Boulder Brook Rd on the owner’s property, partially within the 25-foot No-Disturbance Zone.
Decision: Jim McLaren made a motion to issue a positive determination. Toby Stover seconded the motion and the vote was 3-0 to approve the motion.
Special Conditions: No planting is allowed on Town property and should be allowed to naturalize.

Adjournment (Chairman): Toby Stover, and Jim McLaren seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting. The WPC voted all in favor to 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:58pm. (3:28:28)