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Town of Wellesley
Wetlands Protection Committee (WPC)
Meeting Minutes
March 11th, 2021

Meeting Location:
Online Meeting

Approved on 4/1/2021

Members Present: Richard Howell, Chair; Peter Jones, Vice Chair; John Adams, Secretary; Jim McLaren; Ellie McLane; Jay McHale, NRC Liaison

Members Not Present: none

Staff Present: Julie Meyer, Wetlands Administrator (WA)

Guests: Peter Glick, Kristen Olsen, Lauren Westman, Brian Paradee, Loren Weston, Meghan Condon, Scott Henderson, Brian Nelson, Bob Bibbo, Romeo Adams, Patrick Arnow, Tony Chammas and brother, Kim McCausland, Michael Quinn, Brian Melfa

6:30 pm - Official Start

6:30 pm Administrative Business (Admin)

1. Chairman Howell paid respects to the late Toby Stover. Board members shared their memories and his influence on their lives. He will be missed.
2. Pete Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from 2/18/2021. Jim McLaren seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 4-0 vote. Ellie McLane abstained as she was absent from the meeting.
3. The Public Policy Comment was briefly introduced by the WA and will be put forward to approve by a vote on 4/1/21 then published to the Town website.

6:45 pm Active Matters (Admin)

1. **19 & 23 Brookfield Road:** The WA approved the removal of a Norway Spruce in Boulder Brook as had fallen into the stream and could cause flooding. No visible damage to the brook occurred during the removal (the WA was on-site during the removal). They have not received a "next steps" letter; there is

still an +8 ft root mass perpendicular to the soil between 19 & 23 Brookfield Road. A site visit will be organized for board members if restoration is needed.

2. **19 Brookfield Road:** The WA approved the removal of a portion of one fallen hemlock tree in Boulder Brook and the cutting of the remainder to a snag for wildlife habitat.

3. **Algonquin Proposal:** The WPC will be receiving plans of work for the Algonquin pipeline maintenance and repair, to be occurring in May or June. The WA requested details of practices have been asked of them similar to previous year's work (2019). They will be invited to the next meeting.

4. **Keolis – MBTA Update:** Keolis is appealing a Superseding Determination with MA-DEP.

7:04 pm Public Meeting Open (Chair)

Public Voice (Chair)

Richard Howell read ground rules for meeting. There were no callers on the Conference Line to request time to speak.

7:00 pm Public Hearings and Meetings (Committee)

1. Pete Jones made a motion to delegate signatures of the Wetland Protection Committee (WPC) to the WA for this meeting. Jim McLaren seconded the motion and it was approved by a 5-0 vote.

2. **28 Cameron St (Hunnewell Elementary)** (New NOI) - MA-DEP #324-0967 - Applicant: S. Gagosian; demo/rebuild school building, grounds in Bordering Land Subject to Flooding (BLSF) & RFA.

People Present: Peter Glick, Kristen Olsen, Brian Paradee, Laureen Westman

New Information: DEP submitted comments. The first comment regarded stone dust walks within RFA; they should be included in the Stormwater Report (which Mr. Glick verified that they were). The second comment was regarding a third-party approval of the water quality treatment units. Currently, the applicant has proposed using a Stormceptor, a proprietary treatment system, which has already received approval by TARP. The third comment was regarding test pits within the infiltration area. A condition was requested to perform pre-construction test pits and submit the results to the Committee.

Decision: Continued.

Action Items: Wait for DPWs review.

3. **15 The Waterway** (*cont.* NOI) - MA-DEP #324-0964 – Applicant: M. Quinn; construction of a new SFH within RFA & BZ.

People Present: none

New Information:

Decision: Continued to 4/22 meeting.

Action Item: WPC to conduct another site walk.

4. **1-2 Lake Road** (New NOI) - MA-DEP #324-0972 – Applicant: Town of Wellesley Water & Sewer Dept.; upgrade of sewer ejector within BZ.

People Present: Meghan Condon

New Information:

Decision: Continued.

Action Item: Wait for receipt of MA-DEP filing # before issuing the OOC.

5. **Mica Ln** (New NOI) - MA-DEP #324-0971 – Applicant: Town of Wellesley Water & Sewer Dept.; rehabilitate and replace sewer main within RFA.

People Present: Meghan Condon

New Information:

Decision: Continued.

Action Item: Wait for receipt of MA-DEP filing #.

6. 20 Wilson St (New NOI) - MA-DEP #324-0969 – Applicant: E. & K. Koval; raze/rebuild a SFH in RFA.

People Present: Scott Henderson

New Information:

Decision: Pete Jones made a motion to close the hearing and approve the project under both the Wetlands Protection Act and the Wellesley Wetlands Protection Bylaw. Jim McLaren seconded the motion and it passed by a 4-0 vote. Ellie McLane abstained.

Action Item: WA to issue an OOC.

7. 85 Ledgeways (New NOI) - MA-DEP #324-0970 – Applicant: V. Melfa; construct a new garage and patio and reconstruct existing driveway within BZ.

People Present: Brian Nelson

New Information: An arborist report was submitted, which includes an additional 5 trees proposed for removal within the BZ to the original 5 proposed trees for removal. A new planting plan was presented, including 19 replacement trees.

Discussion: Are there issues to the soil where the falling trees are located? Other trees are living around this area so it does not seem to be a soil issue. Is less than 10% of the BZ being altered? Yes. Does the alteration under 10%, include the removal of the hazard trees? Should the alteration of the removal of the hazard trees be included in this 10%? A site visit to review the trees would be beneficial for the board. Do these trees have cavities/burrows/nests? A special condition could be provided for retaining a certain amount of each removed tree.

Decision: Continued.

Action Item: The WPC will join the applicant on a site visit to reevaluate the landscape with the new proposed tree removals. The applicant will submit a Wildlife Habitat Assessment to the Board.

8. 26 Lantern Lane (New RDA) – Applicant: M. Quinn; develop a new SFH with associated driveway, utilities, and landscaping.

People Present: Bob Bibbo

New Information: Plans were presented.

Discussion: Is the wet area at the rear of the site a jurisdictional wetland?

Decision: Pete Jones made a motion for a negative determination of the RDA. John Adams seconded the motion and it passed by a 5-0 vote.

Action Item: WA to issue a Negative Determination.

9. 1005 Worcester Street (New RDA) - Applicant: : T. Chammas; striping six parking spaces within RFA.

People Present: Brian Nelson, Romeo Adams, Patrick Arnow, Tony Chammas, & Brother

New Information: Plans were discussed.

Decision: Pete Jones made a motion for a negative determination of the RDA. Ellie McLane seconded the motion and it passed by a 5-0 vote.

Action Item: WA to issue a Negative Determination.

10. 36 Carver Road (New RDA) - Applicant: K. & D. McCausland; addition of a deck to the existing house within BZ.

People Present: Kim McCausland

New Information: Plans were discussed.

Decision: Jim McLaren made a motion for a negative determination of the RDA. Pete Jones seconded the motion and it passed by a 5-0 vote.

Action Item: WA to issue a Negative Determination.

11. Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(3) for discussion of strategy regarding the following litigation matter: *In the Matter of Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority, DEP OADR Nos. WET-2021-001 through WET-2021-022.*

Any urgent items not reasonably anticipated prior to 48 hours of meeting.

8:22 pm Adjournment (Chairman):

Pete Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim McLaren seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.