

**Town of Webster
Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting – July 21, 2022**

A meeting of the Conservation Commission was held on July 21, 2022 via conference call in accordance with Governor Baker's emergency order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30A, §20 due to the public health emergency relating to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Attending: Chairman, Joey Wigglesworth, Dan Duteau, Karen Bartholomew, Hayden Brown, Fred Bock, Richard Parent (Alternate)

Absent: Vice Chairwoman, Michelle Sherillo, Dr. Robin Jewell

Staff: Mary Overholt, Conservation Agent; Tracy Coporale, Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order: 5:36pm

Chairman Joey Wigglesworth reads the Governor's Orders regarding Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. c. 30A § 20.

Public Hearing – Notice of Intent Amendment

302 Killdeer Road - Changes for the retaining wall layout – Minor Modification DEP 323-1185, Mr. Cameron Smith, (Applicant), present. Mr. Jarred Mahota, Contractor, present. Per the last meeting they put together a new plan going forward and phasing out to the end of the project. They submitted a better sketch of the project. The building inspector looked at the area and found it to be of concern and a danger so an emergency order was issued to the NOI to repair the wall. Ms. Overholt is showing the revised plan of the wall. The wall at the water is done along with the riprap. The second retaining wall is about 90% complete. They have 2 more blocks to set on the base. They need to finish the wall on the property line on the left to be able to complete the retaining wall and the stairs. The blocks are 2ftx2ftx4ft concrete blocks. Mr. Duteau asks for clarification for the completion of the wall. Mr. Mahota explains, the wall that goes across is about 90% complete. The wall on the right is complete. The wall on the left side and the stairs along with the last corner of the wall needs to be completed. Mr. Wigglesworth asks, do you need new sonotubes to complete the deck? No. So everything with the patio and the deck will remain? Correct. You will grade this down in the base area, are you putting in loam? Yes, loam and seed about 4-inches. Mr. Wigglesworth reminds Mr. Mahota to leave the 3-6 inch lip for finish grade. Ms. Bartholomew asks if the turbidity curtain is in the water? Yes, it's done. Are there supposed to be plantings? Mr. Smith says, yes we are doing plantings on the top along with a fence for both safety and erosion. As far as at the bottom we are waiting to see how wide it will be, and they are willing to put some along the water's edge. Mr. Wigglesworth asks Mr. Smith to please take this drawing and mark up a planting plan for the board to review. Sure. Mr. Smith asks, if they have any recommendations? Mr. Wigglesworth explains they primarily like to see natives, shrubs. They would like to see something planted down towards the water in the corners, blueberry would be good, just add some vegetation back. Ms. Overholt is showing the Phasing list Mr. Mahota provided. Mr. Wigglesworth asks Mr. Mahota if he has an idea when this project will be completed? In about 2-weeks, weather permitting. Ms. Bartholomew asks, under Phase 7, could you add the plantings? Ms. Overholt mentions that will go in the amended order as well. Should we give a number of plants? Mr. Bock suggests to put the planting plan as a minor modification, since they don't know what kind or how many. Ms. Overholt suggests for them to submit

a planting plan to be approved by Agent or Chairman. Mr. Wigglesworth suggests to Mr. Smith to get the plan put together and he will advise the commission.

No comment from abutters. Mr. Brown motions to close the public hearing. Mr. Duteau second. Votes all in favor by roll call vote.

Mr. Brown motions to issue the amendment to 302 Killdeer Road for the layout and adding a planting plan to Phase 7. Mr. Bock second. Votes all in favor by roll call vote.

The Commission discussed the tree policy that Mr. Duteau has drafted up. Mr. Brown suggests to change the word "house" to "a residential structure". Mr. Parent suggested using the concept of "maturity" of the trees versus the caliper of the trees. Mr. Duteau to make the mentioned changes and send to the board for review.

300 Thompson Road – the old order of conditions was never recorded but we do have the original word documents. Mia from DEP suggests to reissue the order to be properly recorded. Mr. Balcewicz has to give the plans to the Conservation Commission before they can issue a certificate of compliance. Ms. Overholt will give the order to Mr. Duquette to be recorded. Then Mr. Balcewicz will have to request a certificate of compliance. Mr. Duteau motions to generate a new copy of the order of conditions for 300 Thompson Road in order for it to be recorded. Mr. Bock second. Votes all in favor by roll call vote.

Goddard Street fines – The issues were; he did not have his DEP sign up, he did not complete the wetland replication, he didn't have the silt sack in, he didn't have a pre-construction meeting and so on. He has satisfied about half of those. He continues to work and ignore the stop work order. Ms. Overholt recommends he be issued a flat fee fine to cover the cost for recording the orders, as he is cooperating half way. She met with Matt Marro, Environmental Consultant and he feels the work that is done looks good, however the other half of the work won't be done until the fall. The owner should appear before the commission and discuss the issues and agree to follow the recommendations. He has already signed and agreed to certain provisions, then turned around and did what he wanted to do. Ms. Overholt to make another attempt to contact the owner.

Next Meeting Date: August 1, 2022 – Location to be determined.

Adjournment: Mr. Duteau motions to adjourn. Ms. Bartholomew second. Votes all in favor.

Documents:

302 Killdeer Road
Revised Retaining Wall Layout
Phasing list
Dated 7/21/22
Pages 1

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Coporale
Recording Secretary

Conservation Commission Approval: Joseph Wigglesworth Date: _____
Chairman