

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES of MEETING  
Tuesday, August 3, 2021  
TOWN HALL ANNEX, 39 CENTRAL STREET  
**APPROVED: 8/24/2021****

Present: Chair Daniel Shinnick, Vice Chair Sam Streiff, Jena Haag, Howard Terrien, and Ann Witzig  
Absent: Howard Vogel  
Attending: Brent Baeslack, Conservation Agent

**Opening Statement:** Authorized by Wetlands Protection Act, Town of Rowley Wetlands Protection Bylaw, and the Stormwater Management and Erosion Control Bylaw. Meeting convened at 7:30 PM (all Legal ads were read to open new agenda items at time noticed).

**Administrative:** The Commission approved the payroll and vendor bills which had been reviewed and signed prior to the meeting.

**Acceptance of Minutes:** After the Commission reviewed the minutes, Witzig moved to accept the Minutes of July 13, 2021. Haag seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Acceptance of Minutes:** After the Commission reviewed the minutes, Streiff moved to accept the Minutes of May 15, 2007. Haag seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Dodge Reservation Conservation Area, 390 Wethersfield Street (Map 18, Parcel/Lot 7):** Agent Baeslack presented a request from Ms. Clare Pierce of 399 Wethersfield Street to use the front parking area of the Dodge Reservation for a private family function due to parking limitations at their residence. Agent Baeslack advised he had contacted the YMCA, Camp Cedar Mill, to determine if there would be any conflicts with camp operations. The YMCA staff had communicated with the office that one-time use of the parking area would not be in conflict with any YMCA camp activities on August 22, 2021. The Commission discussed authorizing the use of 13 spaces on a one-time basis. Agent Baeslack stated he would advise Ms. Pierce that parking would be at their own risk and the Town would have no liability with their use of the parking area.

Witzig moved to issue a one-time-only permit for private function parking at 390 Wethersfield Street on August 22, 2021. Terrien seconded and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**Notice of Intent at 53 Longmeadow Drive (Map 14, Parcel 9, Lot 21-1) filed by Mark Siepka:** Proposed construction of a single family dwelling, driveway, sub-surface infiltration system, and associated grading within the 100' Buffer Zone of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands. Mr. Nicholas Betts of Meridian Associates was in attendance to represent the Applicant. Owner Mark Siepka and Ms. Karen Siepka were also in attendance. Mr. Betts presented the project to the Commission. The Commission reviewed Agent Baeslack's memo of August 2, 2021 with recommendations for special conditions and minor plan revisions.

Witzig moved to issue an Order of Conditions with special conditions as discussed contingent upon receipt of the DEP file number and plan revisions. Haag seconded and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**Stormwater Management Permit Application SMP #49-2021 at 53 Longmeadow Drive (Map 14, Parcel 9, Lot 21-1 filed by Mark Siepka:** Proposed construction of a single family dwelling, driveway, septic system, subsurface infiltration system and associated grading. Total site disturbance is approximately 23,700 sq. ft. (0.54 acres). Mr. Nicholas Betts of Meridian Associates was in attendance to represent the Applicant. Mr. Mark Siepka and Ms. Karen Siepka were also in attendance. Mr. Betts presented the project to the Commission. The Commission reviewed Agent Baeslack's memo of August 3, 2021 with recommendations for special conditions and minor plan revisions related to stormwater management.

Haag moved to issue a Stormwater Mgt. Permit for a single family residence with special conditions as discussed contingent upon receipt of revised plans and documents within fourteen (14) days. Terrien seconded and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Commissioner Terrien **recused** himself from the next two agenda items.

**Continued Request to Amend Order of Conditions DEP #63-0625 at land off Daniels Road (Map 9, Parcel/Lot:** Proposed project change new construction of an OSRD with 9 residential dwellings, shared sewage disposal system, roadway, stormwater facilities, grading and utilities along with 14 acres of protected Open Space within the 100' Buffer Zone of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands. Agent Baeslack presented a request from the Applicant's representative, James Decoulos, requesting that the hearing be continued to the meeting of August 24, 2021. Mr. James Decoulos updated the Commission on the project status. The Commission discussed a number of items providing guidance on how the items should be handled. There was a discussion on who would be responsible for the storm infiltrators. The Commission concluded that the Town should be responsible after consultation with the Highway Department if they are going to be within the public right of way. The Commission advised that the individual lots would need to have their own application filings for development if activity was within regulated wetland resource areas. Mr. Decoulos advised that he expected the report reviewing the OSRD project from H.L. Graham Associates next week and the septic system plan would be filed with the Board of Health at that time.

Shinnick moved to continue the public hearing as requested by the Applicant to the meeting of August 24, 2021. Haag seconded and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**Continued Notice of Intent at land off Daniels Road (Map 9, Parcel/Lot 23) filed by James Decoulos of Danielsville LLC, owned by the Tompkins-Desjardins Trust:** Proposed construction of a 4' x 148' modular aluminum boardwalk with supporting trails to access protected open space crossing an intermittent stream and emergent freshwater marsh possibly within Bordering Land Subject to Flooding, Stream, Bordering Vegetated Wetlands, and the 100' Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands. Agent Baeslack presented a

request from the Applicant's representative, James Decoulos, requesting that the hearing be continued to the August 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. James Decoulos was in attendance. Agent Baeslack explained that a DEP file number had still not been issued. It was believed this was due to the lack of specificity on the boardwalk construction. Mr. Decoulos had submitted three options for support of the boardwalk and would be working on an alternatives analysis to determine which option would work best. There was a brief discussion regarding the access to the Town-owned four (4) acre parcel. Mr. Decoulos advised that the property owner was not amenable to giving a right-of-way to this area, and he was working with other property owners that abutted the parcel to determine if access could be through another parcel. Mr. Decoulos also advised that no determination had been made on how the open space parcel would be held.

Witzig moved to continue the public hearing as requested by the Applicant to the meeting of August 24, 2021. Haag seconded and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Commissioner Terrien returned to the board.

**Adjournment:**

Accomplished at 9:14 PM by a motion made by Witzig. Haag seconded and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Submitted by Brent Baeslack, Conservation Agent