

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES of MEETING
Tuesday, August 24, 2021
TOWN HALL ANNEX, 39 CENTRAL STREET
APPROVED: 9/14/21**

Present: Chair Daniel Shinnick, Vice Chair Sam Streiff, Howard Terrien, Howard Vogel and Ann Witzig
Absent: Jena Haag
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. Agent Baeslack advised that an additional signature was needed. Witzig agreed to come into the office the following day.

Acceptance of Minutes: After the Commission reviewed the minutes, Witzig moved to accept the Minutes of August 3, 2021. Terrien seconded and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Acceptance of Minutes: After the Commission reviewed the minutes, Streiff moved to accept the Minutes of June 5, 2007. Terrien seconded and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Open Space Deed for Falcon Ridge OSRD: Agent Baeslack advised the Commission that a draft of the deed conveying 52 acres of open space to the Town under the care and custody of the Conservation Commission had been submitted to the Conservation office. The proposed deed has been submitted for a compliance review with the office and Town Counsel.

Request for Determination of Applicability for 29 Taylor Lane (Map 12, Parcel 3, Lot 23) filed by Falcon Ridge Associates LLC: Proposed cutting and clearing of trees, grading and lawn for the construction of a single family dwelling and appurtenances possibly within the 100' Buffer Zone of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands. Mr. Steven Erickson of Norse Environmental was in attendance on behalf of the Applicant and gave a brief work description. The Commission reviewed Agent Baeslack's memo dated August 24, 2021 with recommendations for special conditions.

Vogel moved to issue a Negative Determination Option #3 with special conditions as discussed. Witzig seconded and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Request for Determination of Applicability for 75 Bradford Street (Map 15, Parcel/Lot 10) filed by Jason Kneeland: Proposed creation of an expanded gravel parking area (48' x 36') and construction of a gravel driveway (12' x 40') to existing detached garage possibly

within the 100' Buffer Zone of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands and 200' Riverfront Area of Ox Pasture Brook. Mr. Jason Kneeland and his representative, Mr. Tyler Ferrick, were in attendance to present the project and answer questions from the Commission. Mr. Ferrick gave a brief project overview. The Commission reviewed Agent Baeslack's memo dated August 24, 2021 with recommendations for special conditions.

Terrien moved to issue a Negative Determination Options #2 and #3 with special conditions as discussed. Streiff seconded and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Howard 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 for 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 September 14, 2021.

Witzig moved to continue the public hearing as requested by the Applicant to the meeting of September 14, 2021. Vogel seconded and the motion passed by a vote of four (4) yeas.

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 meeting of September 14, 2021.

Witzig moved to continue the public hearing as requested by the Applicant to the meeting of September 14, 2021. Vogel seconded and the motion passed by a vote of four (4) yeas.

Commissioner Terrien **returned** to the meeting.

Extension Request for ROW Wethersfield St DEP #63-0680 Town of Rowley, Highway Dept.: Proposed request for Extension to complete proposed highway culvert replacement at Georgetown Town Line possibly within 100' Buffer Zone of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands and Land under Waterways. No one was in attendance on this matter. Agent Baeslack presented the request submitted by Patrick Snow of the Highway Department for a minimum of one (1) year extension. Agent Baeslack recommended the issuance of a two (2) year extension.

Vogel moved to issue a two (2) year Extension for DEP #63-0680. Terrien seconded and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Certificate of Compliance Request(s):

Request for Certificate of Compliance DEP File #63-0632 for 14 Forest Ridge Drive (Map 7, Parcel/Lot 9): Proposed construction of a new playing field approximate size 70' x 180' within the 100' Buffer Zone of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands. Mr. David Kelley of Meridian Associates was in attendance to answer questions from the Commission. The Commission was advised that the plan changes requested by Agent Baeslack had already been made and submitted electronically to the office. Agent Baeslack advised that it was recommended that the conditions regarding installation of posts with signage to mark the wetland boundaries were being waived due to safety concerns with usage of the playing field. The Commission agreed to the waiver of these conditions.

Witzig moved to issue a Complete Certificate of Compliance with ongoing conditions waiving the conditions discussed. Streiff seconded and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Status Reports: Permits & Enforcement

Enforcement Order 385 Wethersfield St (Map 19, Parcel 8, Lot 7) Vincent Pugliares: Agent Baeslack provided a status report of the cleanup of the property indicating that both areas of mounded debris had been removed, regraded and seeded. The Commission needed to take no action at this time.

Adjournment:

Accomplished at 8:28 PM by a motion made by Vogel. Streiff seconded and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Submitted by Brent Baeslack, Conservation Agent