

**TOWN OF NEEDHAM
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 13, 2018**

LOCATION: Public Services Administration Building (PSAB), Charles River Room

ATTENDING: Peter Oehlkers (Chair), Artie Crocker, Sue Barber, Stephen Farr, Debbie Anderson (Conservation Specialist), Elisa Litchman (Administrative Assistant)

GUESTS: Gennady Agranovich, Dr. Michael J. Nathenson, Richard Rosenlev, Diane Simonelli, Dr. Liviu Steir

Peter Oehlkers opened the public meeting at 7:35 p.m.

HEARINGS:

54 PERRY DRIVE – *continued* NOTICE OF INTENT (DEP File #234-814)

P. Oehlkers opened the hearing at 7:45pm. The applicant Richard Rosenlev had been asked to submit additional information regarding the rain gardens. Since the last meeting the applicant has taken out the patio from the plans and reduced the rain garden that straddled the 25' no disturb zone. The grading was changed also in order to have the basement underground. D. Anderson shared comments with the Commission that she received from J. Bernardo regarding the rain gardens appearing to be okay and that the runoff from the driveway should be pretreated. J. Bernardo feels that it is being pretreated. The Commission suggested that the As-Built confirm the size (separate from the building) of the rain garden and which specific plants are to be installed as well as numbers of each plant. Once the revised plan is submitted to the Conservation Department then the Order of Conditions can be issued; the Order must refer to the specific dated final approved plan.

Motion to close the public hearing for 54 Perry Drive by A. Crocker, seconded by S. Farr, approved 4-0-0 at 7:54pm.

Motion to waive the requirements for work within the 25' buffer zone by A. Crocker, seconded by S. Farr, approved 4-0-0.

Motion to waive the waiver fee for the applicant by A. Crocker, seconded by S. Farr, approved 4-0-0.

Motion to issue an Order of Conditions for work at 54 Perry Drive by A. Crocker, seconded by S. Farr, approved 4-0-0.

185 BROOKSIDE ROAD – NOTICE OF INTENT (DEP File #234-815)

P. Oehlkers opened the hearing at 8:00pm. D. Simonelli from Field Resources described the project. The existing single family home is outside the 100' buffer zone however, there are invasive plants under and over story. At the moment the owner has approval from Conservation to remove one tree deemed hazardous. She explained that due to the lack of yard maintenance there is a need for invasive plant removal program. P. Oehlkers asked why the new owner wants to take trees down and why isn't there a plan to retain and care for the existing trees. D. Simonelli explained that some are in the way of construction and many are unhealthy. A certified Arborist's letter is forthcoming. Dr. Shtier, the owner mentioned that he intends to maintain the trees if possible. P. Oehlkers asked that the owners find a place for trees in the plan. The runoff of the driveway goes to the lawn where it is recharged. Three infiltration systems are proposed; one in front and two in the back

yards. There will be a total of 7 cultecs. Currently there is no infiltration and the house is mainly outside the Conservation Commission jurisdiction.

Jane and Vincent Bareau from 217 Brookside Road also attended the meeting to discuss their concerns regarding infiltration intended for 185 Brookside. They want to know the capacity and retention time for drywells. The couple is concerned that this new home will exacerbate an already bad situation for the Bareaus; a relatively new home adjacent to them though outside of the Con Com jurisdiction, was constructed and now often causes their basement to flood. D. Simonelli stated that there is 30' of natural vegetation between the proposed home and the abutters. P. Oehlkers stated that the applicant will need to submit a plan showing the location of the trees within the 200' riverfront area. P. Oehlkers stated that under most circumstances the infiltration proposed should be more than enough capacity.

Motion to close the public hearing for 185 Brookside Road (DEP File #234-815) by A. Crocker, seconded by S. Farr, approved 4-0-0 at pm 8:25pm.

Motion to issue the Order of Conditions with changes as discussed related to tree location, type and monitoring required by A. Crocker, seconded by S. Barber, approved 4-0-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

30 WAYNE ROAD (DEP File #234-745) - REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Compliance as well as the dissolution of an Enforcement Order which had been issued 8/14/2015. John Rockwood of EcoTec had completed two years of monitoring reports and D. Anderson stated that had gone to the site and it is stable and well vegetated. A. Crocker asked whether there were fines for the Enforcement Order. D. Anderson stated that the applicant worked with Conservation to rectify the situation and was not issued fines.

Motion to issue the Certificate of Compliance for 30 Wayne Road (DEP File #234-745) by A. Crocker, seconded by S. Farr, approved 4-0-0.

Motion to rescind the Enforcement Order for violations at 30 Wayne Road (DEP File #234-745) by A. Crocker, seconded by S. Farr, approved 4-0-0.

68 PLEASANT STREET (DEP File #234-772) - REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

D. Anderson conducted a site visit and stated that monitoring of the plantings remains to be outstanding therefore, the project can only receive a partial certificate.

Motion to issue a partial Certificate of Compliance for 68 Pleasant Street (DEP File #234-772) by A. Crocker, seconded by S. Barber, approved 4-0-0.

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn by A. Crocker, seconded by S. Farr, approved 4-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42pm.

NEXT PUBLIC MEETING:

September 27, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Public Services Administration Building, Charles River Room.