MINUTES OF May 9, 2019
Approved May 23, 2019

Members Present: Chair L. Cohen, Vice-Chair W. Boivin, J. O’Riorden, E. LoTurco, I. Deb, (G. Lima)

Members Absent: J. Ramsdell

Also Present: Conservation Administrator J. Keeley, Assistant Conservation Administrator E. Coleman

1. Call to Order
L. Cohen called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

J. O’Riorden stated for the record that she watched the Conservation Commission meeting of April 25, 2019 and is eligible to vote on these matters.

2. Citizens’ Time
No one spoke.

3. Approval of Minutes – April 25, 2019

G. Lima arrived to the meeting at 7:03pm.


5a. Request for Determination of Applicability – 33 Westwood Street – Nicholas Barrett – Install drainage in lawn
Homeowner Nicholas Barrett represented the application.

Mr. Barrett explained that his yard was wet, and he attempted to fix the problem by digging out the material and putting in new material.
J. Keeley commented that the Building Department notified the Conservation office that trucks were putting dirt in. There was no change in grade, just a change in material. The wetlands are on the sides and back of his property. The outlet for the back wetlands goes along the property lines. There are no streams on the maps. He thinks the drainage material went on to formerly treed area, beyond which the applicant installed a fence. He thinks this area may be wetland.

Conservation Commission discussed:
- Buffer zone and resource areas have been compromised by re-grading, adding a fence/shed, and removing trees
- Trees hold water
- Do not dump landscaping waste in the wetlands
- Leave the existing landscaping waste in the wetlands
- Reclaiming some wetlands, planting trees, and restoration were suggested
- Bringing fill in is a violation
- Owner removed fill, added pipes, and added additional material

Conservation Commission requested the applicant hire a wetlands scientist to flag the wetlands.

No one in the audience spoke on this matter.

_This matter was continued to the May 23, 2019 Conservation Commission meeting._

**5b. Request for Determination of Applicability – 1 Ganley Drive – Jason Mena – Cut trees & extend lawn**

Amy Mena, homeowner Jason Mena’s wife, represented the application.

Ms. Mena explained that she had some trees cut before getting permission. The purpose of cutting the trees was to create back yard. She plans to do no grading, and enclose the yard.

E. Coleman commented there are wetlands and a vernal pool in the area. She recommended measuring 100 feet from the high water mark (for staff to determine where the fence should go), and planting some trees outside the fence.

Conservation Commission discussed the 15 trees that were removed and the importance of vernal pools.

No one in the audience spoke on this matter.

E. Coleman reviewed the findings and conditions.

_A MOTION TO ISSUE A CONDITIONAL NEGATIVE DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY FOR THE PROPOSED WORK AT 1 GANLEY DRIVE WAS MADE BY W. BOIVIN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY J. O’RIORDEN AND APPROVED (6-0-0)._
This matter was withdrawn by the applicant.

Homeowner Stephen Stratford and engineer Bernard Hamill of H-star Engineering represented the application.

Mr. Bernard noted the drainage channel running through the property, and the requested to remove the dwelling and shed, then build a new dwelling.

J. Keeley clarified that the drainage channel is actually a regulatory stream. He requested:
- More narrative about the work, especially details on removing the shed
- The shed and patio removal are beyond the limit of work, and he suggested two erosion control lines, a permanent and temporary
- An alternatives analysis that addresses the river front area
- Note whether the marginal wetlands are jurisdictional
- Mark trees that will be removed/saved
- Improvement to the riverfront area
- Add the 20- and 40-foot buffer to the plans
- Change drainage channel to stream on the plans
- Mark the closest point of the building to the resource area

Conservation Commission discussed:
- Roof run off
- Flagging the bank
- Add rip rap to the driveway
- Do not put debris onto the bank
- Add a fence around the yard
- Explore infiltrating
- Add pitch of the driveway to the plans
- Add plantings where the sheds were

Virginia Shahid of 16 Arnold Terrace supported the Conservation Commission’s work to protect the wetlands and stream.

A MOTION TO CONTINUE THIS MATTER TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING OF MAY 23, 2019 WAS MADE BY G. LIMA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY I. DEB AND APPROVED (6-0-0).

Joe Blake of Blake Development represented the application.

Mr. Blake noted the changes:
- Extended stone trench along the driveway
- Add driveway slope to the plans
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- Drainage calculations were submitted
- Clarified the impervious surface and pervious surface before and after

E. Coleman requested that the post and rail fence should be extended down parallel to the driveway to protect the resource areas. She also clarified some of the applicant’s calculations and the amount of disturbance.

Conservation Commission discussed:
- Location of the propane tank
- Strengthening the alternatives analysis
- Doing another test pit
- Clarification of the area usage
- The site’s overflow
- Waiver for disturbing greater than 10% - justification for granting waiver
- Do not rake wetlands in the plans

No testimony was taken on this matter.

A MOTION TO CONTINUE THIS MATTER TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING OF MAY 23, 2019 WAS MADE BY W. BOIVIN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY G. LIMA AND APPROVED (6-0-0).


Engineers Frank DiPetrio and Emily Derrig of BSC Group represented the application.

Mr. DiPetrio explained the drainage was discussed with the Board of Health and they did not allow the bioretention. The drainage was oversized to accommodate the land banked parking, and there is a small infiltration system in the front left corner. Site grades were changed as a result of the test pits, and native plants will be planted on site.

I. Deb left the meeting at 8:40 pm.

J. Keeley explained the preference for LID features, but the Board of Health did not allow it because the board was concerned about the maintenance.

Conservation Commission discussed:
- Parking is in the buffer but it was previously disturbed area
- Fencing will go on the retaining wall
- Snow storage areas will be defined
- Maintenance plan include picking up trash at the MBTA bus stop
- Reducing carbon emissions
- Tree replacement
- Infiltration seems too close to the retaining wall
- Hydrology of the wetlands
No testimony was taken on this matter.

A MOTION TO CONTINUE THIS MATTER THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING OF MAY 23, 2019 WAS MADE BY G. LIMA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY J. O’RIORDEN AND APPROVED (5-0-0).

8. Administration
   a. Planning Board comments: None
   b. Subcommittee & Staff Reports:

   Low Impact Developments (LID)

Board of Health and Conservation Commission has different ways of approaching storm water features on sites. A representative from DEP will speak with both groups regarding the MS4.

c. Election of Chair and Vice Chair:

A MOTION TO APPOINT L. COHEN AS CHAIRMAN AND W. BOIVIN AS VICE CHAIRMAN WAS MADE BY G. LIMA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY E. LOTURCO AND APPROVED (5-0-0).

d. Upcoming meetings: May 23, 2019 & June 6, 2019
d. Other Business:

15 Marjorie Road

W. Boivin requested the staff follow up on 15 Marjorie Road rear neighbor on Irene Street pushing dirt into the wetlands.

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A MOTION TO HAVE ONE MEETING IN JULY AND AUGUST GOING FORWARD WAS MADE BY W. BOIVIN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY G. LIMA AND APPROVED (5-0-0).

A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MAY 9, 2019 CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING WAS MADE BY J. O’RIORDEN AT 9:05 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY G. LIMA AND APPROVED (5-0-0).

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Noelle Judd, Recording Clerk