

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2020

Pursuant to the notice filed with the Town Clerk, a virtual public meeting of the Natural Resources Commission was held on June 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m, in accordance with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Order of March 12, 2020 Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law. The following Commissioners were present: Greg Higgins, Chair, Lynn Huggins, Ed Nardi, and Nick Pappas. Natural Resources Director Delia Kaye, Assistant Natural Resources Director Colleen Puzas, and Natural Resources Administrative Assistant Karen Bockoven were also present. Commissioner Judy Zaunbrecher joined the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

<p>APPROVE MEETING MINUTES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 1, 2020
<p>TO BE OPENED AND CONTINUED WITHOUT DISCUSSION TO JUNE 17, 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WALSH, 150 Garfield Road, NOI • SILVER HILL ASSOCIATION, 22A & 25A Silver Hill Road, NOI
<p>TO BE CONTINUED WITHOUT DISCUSSION TO JUNE 17, 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JAMESAPOLLOS, 141 Commerford Road, NOI • SHAW, 43 Old Bedford Road, NOI • REYNOLDS, 42 Shore Drive, NOI
<p>TO BE CONTINUED WITHOUT DISCUSSION TO JULY 1, 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CORE STATES GROUP, 1134 Main Street, NOI
<p>CONTINUANCES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOWN OF CONCORD, 369, 38A & 40A Commonwealth Avenue, NOI
<p>NEW APPLICATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LYONS, 42 Birch Drive, NOI • AWALT & CONLEY, 396 Great Meadows Road, NOI
<p>CLOSE and ISSUE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MARYANN THOMPSON ARCHITECTS, 261 Park Lane • ESCOBEDO, 188 Fairhaven Road
<p>CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GAROFALO, 51 Coolidge Road • REYNOLDS, 42 Shore Drive
<p>ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVALS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TYSON, 701 Bedford Street, Tree Removal • MARDIS, 22 Monsen Road, Tree Removal

Chair Higgins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He stated that the NRC meeting was being audio-recorded and requested that anyone from the public recording the meeting so inform the Commission.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Huggins moved to approve the April 1, 2020 NRC meeting minutes, as written. Commissioner Pappas seconded. It was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED** by Roll Call Vote: Higgins, Aye, Huggins, Aye, Nardi, Aye, Pappas, Aye.

TO BE OPENED AND CONTINUED TO JUNE 17, 2020

Notice Intent Application, Katie Walsh, 150 Garfield Road, DEP File #137-1524

The Applicant is seeking approval to remove trees and regrade the backyard within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands.

At the request of the Applicant, Commissioner Huggins moved to open and continue the hearing to June 17, 2020. Commissioner Pappas seconded. It was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED** by Roll Call Vote: Higgins, Aye, Huggins, Aye, Nardi, Aye, Pappas, Aye.

Notice of Intent Application, Silver Hill Association, 22A & 25A Silver Hill Road, DEP File #137-1527

The proposed project involves an aquatic management and maintenance program for Silver Hill Pond in Land Under Waterbodies and Waterways, and invasive species control in Bordering Vegetated Wetlands and Bordering Land Subject to Flooding.

At the request of the Applicant, Commissioner Huggins moved to open and continue the hearing to June 17, 2020. Commissioner Pappas seconded. It was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED** by Roll Call Vote: Higgins, Aye, Huggins, Aye, Nardi, Aye, Pappas, Aye.

TO BE CONTINUED TO JUNE 17, 2020

Notice of Intent Application, John Jamesapollos, 141 Commerford Road, DEP File #137-1535

The Applicant is seeking approval to repair and expand an existing driveway, repair the driveway culvert, construct a 3-season porch, extend a roof gable, construct an accessible walkway/deck, and install a gravel shoulder within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands.

At the request of the Applicant, Commissioner Huggins moved to continue the hearing to June 17, 2020. Commissioner Nardi seconded. It was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED** by Roll Call Vote: Higgins, Aye, Huggins, Aye, Nardi, Aye, Pappas, Aye.

Notice of Intent Application, Shaw, 43 Old Bedford Road, DEP File #137-1504

The Applicant is seeking approval to construct a garage within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bank and Bordering Vegetated Wetlands.

At the request of the Applicant, Commissioner Huggins moved to continue the hearing to June 17, 2020. Commissioner Nardi seconded. It was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED** by Roll Call Vote: Higgins, Aye, Huggins, Aye, Nardi, Aye, Pappas, Aye.

Notice of Intent Application, Dianne Reynolds, 42 Shore Drive, DEP File #137-1531

The Applicant is seeking approval to replace the existing dock and stairs within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bank and Bordering Vegetated Wetlands.

At the request of the Applicant, Commissioner Huggins moved to continue the hearing to June 17, 2020. Commissioner Nardi seconded. It was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED** by Roll Call Vote: Higgins, Aye, Huggins, Aye, Nardi, Aye, Pappas, Aye.

TO BE CONTINUED TO JULY 1, 2020

Notice of Intent Application, Core States Group, 1134 Main Street, DEP File #137-*

The Applicant is seeking approval to demolish an existing structure, and construct a new structure with associated utilities, drainage, parking, and remote ATM's within Bordering Land Subject to Flooding and the 200-foot Riverfront Area to the Assabet River and an unnamed tributary to the Assabet River.

At the request of the Applicant, Commissioner Huggins moved to continue the hearing to June 17, 2020. Commissioner Nardi seconded. It was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED** by Roll Call Vote: Higgins, Aye, Huggins, Aye, Nardi, Aye, Pappas, Aye.

CONTINUANCES

Notice of Intent Application, Town of Concord, 369, 38A & 40A Commonwealth Avenue, DEP File #137-1522

The Applicant is seeking approval to construct a municipal recreation center, associated activity center/event barn, and walking trails; remove trees, and conduct invasives species control, and install plantings within Bordering Land Subject to Flooding and the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bank and Bordering Vegetated Wetlands.

Chair Higgins stated that the Zoom link is not working properly and some people are experiencing difficulty logging in.

The Applicant agreed to continue the hearing to June 9, 2020.

NEW APPLICATIONS

Notice of Intent Application, Sean Lyons, 42 Birch Drive, DEP File #137-1528

The Applicant is seeking approval to demolish an existing dwelling and reconstruct a single-family dwelling within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands.

The Applicant agreed to continue the hearing to June 9, 2020.

Notice of Intent Application, Elizabeth Awalt & John Conley, 396 Great Meadows Road, DEP File #137-1525

The Applicant is seeking approval to conduct landscape improvements, realign and lower existing driveway, replace the existing stone and pine beam driveway turnaround retaining wall, and replace existing walkways within Bordering Land Subject to Flooding and the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands.

The Applicants agreed to continue the hearing to June 9, 2020.

CLOSE AND ISSUE PERMITS

Notice of Intent Application, Maryann Thompson Architects, 261 Park Lane, DEP File #137-1523

Chair Higgins reopened the hearing seeking approval to convert an existing garage into a studio with associated utilities remove two sheds, construct a new shed, and convert an existing chicken

coop to a shed within Bordering Land Subject to Flooding, the 200-foot Riverfront Area to the Assabet River, and the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bank and Bordering Vegetated Wetlands.

Commissioner Zaunbrecher moved to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions for DEP File #137-1523 with Findings A and B, Standard Conditions 1-19, and Special Conditions 20-50. Commissioner Huggins seconded. It was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED** by Roll Call Vote: Higgins, Aye, Huggins, Aye, Nardi, Aye, Pappas, Aye, Zaunbrecher, Aye.

Notice of Intent Application, Kelly Escobedo, 188 Fairhaven Road, DEP File #137-1526

Chair Higgins reopened the hearing seeking approval to demolish a single-family dwelling and associated structures within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands.

Commissioner Zaunbrecher moved to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions for DEP File #137-1523 with Finding A, Standard Conditions 1-19, and Special Conditions 20-52. Commissioner Pappas seconded. It was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED** by Roll Call Vote: Higgins, Aye, Huggins, Aye, Nardi, Aye, Pappas, Aye, Zaunbrecher, Aye.

CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE

Garofalo, 51 Coolidge Road, DEP File #137-1288

Commissioner Huggins moved to issue a Certificate of Compliance for DEP File #137-1288. Commissioner Nardi seconded. It was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED** by Roll Call Vote: Higgins, Aye, Huggins, Aye, Nardi, Aye, Pappas, Aye, Zaunbrecher, Aye.

Administrative Approvals:

- **Tyson, 701 Bedford Street, Tree Removal & Mardi, 22 Monsen Road, Tree Removal**
Director Kaye advised the Commission of two trees that straddle each of these property lines. The homeowners would like to remove a hemlock and a large white pine tree. An arborist has determined that the trees are in poor condition. Each homeowner is willing to plant two native shrubs to replace the one tree that is on each of their properties.

Commissioner Huggins moved to adjourn. Commissioner Zaunbrecher seconded. It was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED** by Roll Call Vote: Higgins, Aye, Huggins, Aye, Nardi, Aye, Pappas, Aye, Zaunbrecher, Aye.

This meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Bockoven
Administrative Assistant