

Natick Conservation Commission
September 20, 2007

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Chairman, Matthew Gardner.
Members present: George Bain, Kathy Rehl, Doug Shepard

Discussion

27 Hardwick Road

Dennis Drugan, homeowner, received approval from ZBA to tear down his existing single family house and replace with a single family modular home. Commission requested Mr. Drugan file an RDA as his house is located in the Riverfront area.

11 Mechanic Street

Bob Bois reviewed status of tenant Ed Martin, Interstate Paving. Until property is needed for the rail trail, the Commission supports a long term lease. Bob will discuss with town counsel for options.

Natick 360

The Conservation/Open Space Funds generate approximately \$20,000 a month in interest. Some interest funds are set aside for trail maintenance. Commission discussed setting aside additional funds for a grant program for projects that enhance or expand conservation/recreation projects.

Conservation Brochure

Matthew Gardner asked for a motion to authorize up to \$3,000 for the design of a Conservation brochure, George Bain so moved, Kathy Rehl seconded, all in favor 4-0. Commission will have the opportunity to input text to include guidelines for wetlands, open space, trail map and open space locations.

Notice of Intent continuation – 17 Davis Brook Drive

Richard Cebula, homeowner, stated the white flags on property were meaningless (dog fence from previous owner). The orange flags represented GLM wetlands study, but does not signify project. The closest point of the project from wetland will be 71.1 feet. Mr. Gardner has two concerns; 1) with other residents coming in with the same request; 2), a caliper limit should be placed on trees removed.

George Bain moved to close, Kathy Rehl seconded, all in favor 4-0. Mr. Bain moved to issue an Order of Conditions, with the following special conditions:

1. No trees removed with a 10 inch caliper or greater, welled trees must be monitored for health and replaced as necessary
2. Hay bales will denote limit of work...
3. Markers on wall provided by commission, “no disturbance beyond wall”.
4. Sign installed on hay bales, “no work beyond this limit”

5. Kathy Rehl seconded, all in favor 4-0.

Notice of Intent continuation – 2 Front Street

Bob Bois reviewed DEP's comments and recommend they get documentation that the stream is dry for two consecutive years and is not perennial. Commission discussed yew trees and what will stay. Mr. Bois will contact Nancy White from DEP and give evidence that stream is not perennial and that Commission may approve this project as presented.

Kathy Rehl moved to continue to October 4th, Doug Shepard seconded, all in favor 4-0.

Notice of Intent continuation – Newfield Road

Brian Nelson, Metrowest Engineering, reviewed meeting he had with trustees and stated the dumping around wetlands should now taper off. Town Engineer does not want fence installed on street layout. There are no signs yet on map stating "no dumping". Mr. Nelson said there were mixed feelings from tenants regarding stabilizing the walking trail.

There will be 3 to 4 phases of construction. Prior to construction, storage areas for gravel, equipment, erosion control supplies, drainage structures, etc., will be staked out. Mr. Nelson stated he will follow through on DEP's comments regarding Stormwater.

Commission is requiring a Land Disturbance application be filed.

Kathy Rehl moved to close, Doug Shepard seconded, all in favor 4-0. Kathy Rehl moved to issue Order of Conditions with the following special conditions:

1. Hay bales and fencing installed around storage areas.
2. No dumping signs will be posted in areas to be determined.
3. Dumping will be monitored.
4. Extend post and rail fence to edge of property line.

Doug Shepard seconded, all in favor 4-0.

Brochu Brothers – 226 South Main Street

Bob Bois previously met with Jim Brochu and property owner, Mike Mabardy to review the discrepancy of the approved plan and the As Built plan. Mr. Brochu took over the property in 1993 from another landscaper and only removed previous dumped material, maybe 2,000 yards. Mr. Bois does not feel the land was filled, just worked over the years. Doug Shepard stated that the wetlands were filled somewhere along the line. He was on the Commission when Conditions were given and the order goes with present owner. Mr. Brochu's opinion is that when Natick Nursery was operating, they were not monitored. Mr. Mabardy purchased property in 1993 and rented it to Jim Brochu at that time.

Commission requested Mr. Brochu come back with Mike Mabardy. Continued until October 4th.

Amendment to Land Disturbance – Walnut Hill

Site engineer and Andy, presented plan to modify Rain Garden infiltration trench. Mr. Shepard is concerned with calculations and size of the modification. BOH has final approval

on drainage. Commission would like to see updated calculations. Matthew Gardner supports amended plan pending peak rate calculations. It would be an improvement to original plan. George Bain moved to approve, pending calculations, Doug Shepard seconded, all in favor 4-0.

Notice of Intent continuation – Oxford Street/Wellesley Ave, Lot 163

Dr. Wang and Peter Langon reviewed plan. Highest point of retaining wall would be four feet. Commission requested the following information:

1. Details of wall – materials, position, fill volume
2. Topo with wall
3. Elevation of wall
4. 40 ft line
5. Fill calculations
6. Landscaping plan in 100 ft buffer.

Kathy Rehl moved to continue to October 4th, George Bain seconded, all in favor 4-0.

Notice of Intent continuation – Oxford Street/Wellesley Ave. Lot 166D

Kathy Rehl moved to continue to October 4th, George Bain seconded, all in favor 4-0

Meeting adjourned 9:30