

**TOWN OF NEEDHAM
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 10, 2011**

LOCATION: Public Services Administration Building - Charles River Room

ATTENDING: Dawn Stolfi Stalenhoeft (Vice Chair), Paul Alpert, Janet Bernardo, Sharon Soltzberg, Patricia Barry (Agent), Elisa Litchman (Assistant)

GUESTS: Dave Burke, Daniel Capasso, Hank Haff, Joyce Hastings, John Hodge, Dave Hudson, Dana Schock, Matthew Sullivan, Daniel Wallace Jr.

D. Stolfi Stalenhoeft opened the public meeting at 7:35 p.m.

MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of January 27, 2011 as revised by J. Bernardo, seconded by P. Alpert, approved 4-0-0.

Motion to approve Wetland Protection Fund use of \$10,000 for Conservation Agent salary for FY2011 by J. Bernardo, seconded by P. Alpert, approved 4-0-0.

HEARINGS

200 HARRIS AVENUE POLLARD SCHOOL (DEP FILE #234-605) – *Continued* NOTICE OF INTENT

D.Stolfi-Stalenhoeft opened the public hearing at 7:45 p.m. Dave Hudson of Tetra Tech represented the Town of Needham Permanent Public Buildings Committee (PPBC) and presented the revised plan changes to the Commission that included the following: installation of fiber rolls on the plan to provide additional treatment for stormwater runoff from the proposed tennis court temporary parking facility; corrected stormwater calculations associated with the hillside watershed; and the inclusion of cleaning the two existing Dedham Avenue catch basins in the storm water operation and maintenance plan to mitigate for the new proposed access drive runoff .

J. Bernardo inquired about the existing drainage system. Hank Haff spoke on behalf of the PPBC and explained that there is a 50 year old underground system leading to the ball fields beyond. It was also noted that the limits of the revised hillside watershed analysis including expanding the westerly boundary off Glen Terrace to add an additional ¼ acre to the watershed area. Furthermore the applicant stated that there would be no new impervious surface in the hillside watershed and all runoff from the hill would drain under the access drive to the proposed catch basins. It was clarified that the existing catch basin on Dedham Avenue does have a sump. Additionally, H. Haff agreed to ensure that the trash that has accumulated from Dedham Avenue would be cleaned out of the wetland resource areas.

D. Stolfi Stalenhoeft opened the hearing to public comment. John Hodge of 19 Glenwood Road asked the Commission how they know whether the tennis court would only be used as temporarily parking. H. Haff replied that the Park & Recreation Department needs it as a tennis court as does the school physical education department. D. Stolfi Stalenhoeft added that any change in the Pollard School project (i.e. using the tennis courts as a permanent parking lot) would need to go through the Conservation Commission public hearing process for approval again. If there was a need to use the tennis court as parking beyond

the time period in the permit, the town would need to come before the Conservation Commission for an extension approval.

Motion to close the public hearing by S. Soltzberg, seconded by P. Alpert, approved 4-0-0. The hearing was closed at 8:04 p.m. The Commission reviewed the Order of Conditions. The Commission reviewed the waiver regulations at Needham Bylaw Regulations Section 1.11 and the applicant's waiver request that included a temporary parking lot alternative analysis. **Motion to issue an Order of Conditions as amended for 200 Harris Avenue (DEP File #234-605) by J. Bernardo, seconded by S. Soltzberg, approved 4-0-0.**

146 BEARD WAY (DEP FILE # 234-606) - *Continued* NOTICE OF INTENT

D. Stolfi Stalenhoef opened the public hearing at 8:05 p.m. Daniel Wallace, the landscape architect represented the applicant and presented the revised plans to the Commission. The new plans showed the proposed grades, erosion controls line, existing trees, revised drywell detail and repositioning of the diffuser as required by the Commission. J. Bernardo stated her concern for the drainage plan She recommended that the applicant make the following revisions to the reference plan: the erosion control line shall be relocated to encompass the entire grading work area; the elevations and inverts to the drainage structures shall be noted on the plan; and the 6-inch HDPE pipe should be labeled "perforated". D. Stolfi Stalenhoef opened the meeting to public comment with no comments received. **Motion to close the hearing by P. Alpert, seconded by J. Bernardo, approved 4-0-0.** The public hearing was closed at 8:20 p.m. The Commission reviewed the Order of Conditions. **Motion to issue the Order of Conditions as amended for 146 Beard Way (DEP File #234-606) by J. Bernardo, seconded by P. Alpert, approved 4-0-0.**

OTHER BUSINESS

1509 CENTRAL AVENUE (DEP FILE #234-503) – *Continued* DEED RESTRICTION APPROVAL REQUEST

The Commission reviewed the proposed deed restriction with the property owner Dan Capasso and recommended the following changes to the deed restriction: Exhibit B referenced as built plan should include a cross-hatched area on the plan from the retaining wall to the wetland area as the "no disturbance area" in accordance with the Order of Conditions; the deed restriction shall be revised to reference the latest revised plans and include the final revision date; two signed copies are to be submitted to P. Barry by February 17, 2011. The approved deed restriction will be included as an appendix within the Partial Certificate of Compliance anticipated to be issued for the project at the February 24, 2011 public hearing. The Deed Restriction needs to be recorded at the Registry of Deeds and the Conservation Commission shall coordinate final approval signatures with the Board of Selectman.

COMMISSION ACTIONS

165 BRIDLE TRAIL ROAD (DEP FILE #234-574) – *Continued* REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

P. Barry explained that given the winter conditions (vegetation covered in snow) and that a full growing season has not passed since the project's completion, it is impossible to confirm that slope's stabilization. D. Schock, the applicant's representative, stated that the area was vegetated before the snowfall. The Commission agreed to issue a partial Certificate of Compliance for the project. **Motion to issue a partial Certificate of Compliance for 165 Bridle Trail Road (DEP File #234-574) by J. Bernardo, seconded by S. Soltzberg, approved 4-0-0.**

80 PILGRIM ROAD (DEP FILE #234-594) – MINOR MODIFICATION REQUEST

Joyce Hastings represented the applicant and explained to the Commission the minor modification request to increase the proposed addition footprint by 3-feet. **Motion to issue a minor modification for 80 Pilgrim Road (DEP File #234-594) by J. Bernardo, seconded by P. Alpert, approved 4-0-0.**

200 HARRIS AVENUE (DEP FILE #234-356) – MAINTENANCE ACTIVITY NOTIFICATION

P. Barry explained that there is a hazard street tree along Dedham Avenue adjacent to the Pollard School property within the 100-foot buffer zone to bordering vegetated wetland. The tree has a large cavity at the base and the Forestry Department has submitted a Maintenance Activity Notification Form to approve the removal of the tree as they are concerned that the tree may fall into the street and on top of wires due to the heavy snowfall this winter. **Motion to approve the removal of the hazard oak tree on Dedham Avenue in accordance with by S. Soltzberg, seconded by J. Bernardo, approved 4-0-0.**

Motion to adjourn by P. Alpert, seconded by S. Soltzberg, approved 4-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

NEXT PUBLIC HEARING

February 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Needham Public Library - Community Room