

**TOWN OF NEEDHAM
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 13, 2011**

LOCATION: Public Services Administration Building, Charles River Room

ATTENDING: L. Standley (Chair), Paul Alpert, Janet Bernardo, Sharon Soltzberg, Debbie Anderson (Agent), Elisa Litchman (Assistant).

GUESTS: Aaron Adler, Jill Boudreau, Roy Cramer, J. and Susan Welsh de Grimaldo, George Giunta, Jr., Devin Hefferon, Matt Hughes, Harley Lank, Gregory Lombardi, Shirley Malsh, Lee O'Neil, Greg Petrini, Ardi Rrapi, John Rockwood, Joan S. Rueppel, Phil Reuppel, Diane Simonelli, Sheila Walsh, Richard Walsh,

L. Standley opened the public meeting at 7:40 pm.

MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of September 22, 2011 as amended by L. Standley and S. Soltzberg by P. Alpert, seconded by S. Soltzberg, approved 4-0-0.

ENFORCEMENTS

320 CEDAR STREET

Mr. Adler explained that the restoration plan he had submitted and which had been approved has been completed. The slope has been graded, the area seeded and rip-rap and netting were installed. The plantings installed included 20 Arborvitae and 8 white pine (*Pinus strobus*) trees. Ms. Grimaldo stated they were going to plant red maple (*Acer rubrum*) trees along the property line and had already added topsoil which they plan on seeding. Mr. Adler requested information about the next step. L. Standley stated that if the parties have been compliant with the Commission's orders they can be released from the Enforcement. D. Anderson noted that neither the Richland Tower Company nor the Petrucci Construction Company have responded to the Conservation Department regarding the Enforcement Order yet.

636 CHARLES RIVER STREET

The Commission reviewed the draft enforcement letter concerning an unauthorized dock and vegetation removal within the buffer zone and Riverfront Area and made edits. The Commission requested that D. Anderson send the letter to the owners.

HEARINGS

770 CHESTNUT STREET (DEP FILE #234-626) – *Continued* NOTICE OF INTENT

As information the Conservation Commission requested was not made available to them one week before this meeting as required, L. Standley stated that this would be an informal discussion regarding the proposed planting plan. L. Standley noted that the Commission did attend a site visit at the property. D. Kelly from Kelly Engineering presented to the Commission preliminary landscape plans to solicit comments. D. Kelly asked that the Commission agree that the project be considered re-development. L. Standley explained that the Commission did not agree that lawn was "previously developed", based on prior DEP decisions. **Motion to continue the public hearing for 770 Chestnut Street till October 27 at 8:30 pm by S. Soltzberg, seconded by P. Alpert, approved 4-0-0.**

1302 SOUTH STREET (DEP FILE #234-627) – Continued NOTICE OF INTENT

L. Standley opened the public hearing at 8:27pm. The DEP File Number, the reason for the continuation of the hearing, had been issued. **Motion to close the public hearing for 1302 South Street by P. Alpert, seconded by J. Bernardo, approved 4-0-0.** The public hearing was closed at 8:27 pm. **Motion to issue an Order of Conditions with a waiver of strict compliance with the bylaw performance standards by J. Bernardo, seconded by S. Soltzberg, approved 4-0-0.**

OTHER BUSINESS

685 CHARLES RIVER STREET (DEP FILE #234-187, 234-242, 234-248 & ENFORCEMENT ORDER) – CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE REQUEST

George Giunta, Jr. represented the applicant. G. Giunta explained that there were three outstanding Orders of Conditions and an enforcement order. He requested Certificates of Compliance and explained that the Enforcement Order had been satisfied. **Motion to issue the Certificate of Compliance for DEP File #234-187, 234-242, and 234-248 and a letter stating satisfaction of the enforcement order by J. Bernardo, seconded by S. Soltzberg, approved 4-0-0.**

20 PHEASANT ROAD (DEP File #234-608) – CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE REQUEST

D. Anderson concurred with the as-built plans. **Motion to issue a partial Certificate of Compliance for 20 Pheasant Road (DEP File #234-608) by S. Soltzberg, seconded by P. Alpert, approved 4-0-0.**

167 NEHOIDEN STREET – TREE REMOVAL EXEMPTION LETTER REQUEST

D. Anderson explained that Mr. McDaniel requested removal of a dead tree on his property. **Motion to approve the removal of the dead tree as an activity exempt from the Bylaw by J. Bernardo, seconded by P. Alpert, approved 4-0-0.**

231-233 WEST STREET (DEP FILE #234-625) – ISSUE ORDER OF CONDITIONS

Motion to issue the Order of Conditions for 231-233 West Street (DEP File #234-625) by J. Bernardo, seconded by P. Alpert, approved 4-0-0.

263 NEHOIDEN STREET (DEP FILE #234-624) – ISSUE ORDER OF CONDITIONS

D. Simonelli represented the Applicant. The Commission agreed to allow the waiver for work. **Motion not to approve the fee waiver by J. Bernardo, seconded by S. Soltzberg, approved 4-0-0. Motion to issue the Order of Conditions for 263 Nehoiden Street (DEP File #234-624) as amended by S. Soltzberg, seconded by J. Bernardo, approved 4-0-0.**

1051 SOUTH STREET (DEP FILE #234-623) – ISSUE ORDER OF CONDITIONS

Motion to issue the Order of Conditions for 1051 South Street (DEP File # 234-623) with edits by P. Alpert, seconded by J. Bernardo, approved 4-0-0.

16 WINFIELD STREET (DEP File #234-509) – FENCE EXEMPTION LETTER REQUEST

The applicant submitted plans showing the proposed additional fence he wishes to connect to existing fence on his property which will enclose his backyard. **Motion to approve the fence installation as an activity exempt from the Bylaw by J. Bernardo, seconded by P. Alpert, approved 4-0-0.**

Meeting to adjourn by S. Soltzberg, seconded by J. Bernardo, approved 4-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

NEXT PUBLIC HEARING

October 27, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the Public Services Administration Building, Charles River Room