

**TOWN OF NEEDHAM
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 12, 2018**

LOCATION: Public Services Administration Building (PSAB), Charles River Room

ATTENDING: Sue Barber, Artie Crocker, Bill Murphy, Peter Oehlkers, Chris Hayward (Director of Conservation), Debbie Anderson (Conservation Specialist)

GUESTS: Les Kalish, Karen Price, Ardi Rrapi, Chris Seariac

Peter Oehlkers opened the public meeting at 7:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES:

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 22, 2018 by B. Murphy, seconded by A. Crocker, approved 4-0-0.

HEARINGS:

DPW REPAIR/MAINTENANCE ACTIVITY NOTIFICATION - NOTICE OF INTENT (DEP FILE #234-630)

P. Oehlkers opened the public hearing at 7:45 p.m.

146 FOREST STREET - OUTFALL CLEAN OUT

Chris Seariac, Superintendent of the Water & Sewer Department presented the request. The outlet is blocked by debris and they need to clear it out. The outfall discharges into Bordering Vegetated Wetlands and eventually the stream. A mini-excavator will be implemented for the project. There is an easement between the two properties where they will gain access.

MARKED TREE ROAD @ CENTRAL AVENUE – OUTFALL CLEAN OUT

Chris Seariac, Superintendent of the Water & Sewer Department presented the request. The location is Marked Tree Road at Central Avenue. They intend to add some riprap to the outfall area and clean out the silt clogging the pipe. There is a pond off of Central Avenue where the road drainage discharges. Bill Murphy asked if there is an opportunity to treat the runoff before it enters the pond, potentially using a sump. Chris will look into it. There are two Norway Maples that are in the way of the project. The Commission will allow their removal. It takes three years to go through the catch basin clean-up cycle completely.

Motion to approve the Repair/Maintenance Activity projects for 146 Forest Street and Marked Tree Road @ Central Avenue (DEP File #234-630) by B. Murphy, seconded by A. Crocker, approved 4-0-0.

48 LAKE DRIVE – NOTICE OF INTENT (DEP File #234-802)

P. Oehlkers opened the public hearing at 8:00 p.m.

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Ardi Rrapi of Cheney Engineering, represented the Applicant. The property is located adjacent to Rosemary Lake. The accepted wetland delineation was utilized from the approved Rosemary Lake project for this project. The purpose of the project is to enlarge the existing family room which will require the removal of three to four 3-inch or less DBH trees. Replacement trees are proposed. The amount of proposed impervious area of 100-square feet is so small that the Applicant was initially not proposing infiltration of roof runoff but re-considered after speaking with C. Hayward and are now proposing to infiltrate half of the entire roof. A patio is proposed but the Applicant is uncertain of the size they would like and would like to decide after the addition is constructed. It will be no larger than the existing patio. They plan to remove existing concrete steps and turn the area into lawn. A drainage field is proposed to capture the roof runoff. A. Rrapi will inspect the soils once the hole is dug for the drainage. Conservation staff will approve the replacement tree species once they are proposed by the Applicant.

Motion to close the public hearing for 48 Lake Drive (DEP FILE #234-802) by W. Murphy, seconded by A. Crocker, approved 4-0-0.

Motion to issue the Order of Conditions for 48 Lake Drive (DEP FILE #234-802) by A. Crocker, seconded by W. Murphy, approved 4-0-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE – 56 WINDING RIVER ROAD (DEP FILE #234-648)

D. Anderson explained that this filing was in 2012 for the demolition of portions of the house and re-construction, addition of a farmer's porch, re-surfacing the driveway, addition of a patio and installation of Riverfront Restoration plantings. In 2013 there was a Minor Modification to upgrade the septic system. In addition, in 2013 there were revisions to their planting plan. In 2014 there was a Minor Modification to revise the plantings again, widen the existing driveway, install a deck instead of a patio and were no longer planning to construct the farmer's porch. In 2015, they sent a request for construction of a shed, which is a minor exempt activity.

D. Anderson stated that the Restoration Area Monitoring Reports were not received as required per the Permit but that a Final Report was submitted from the Landscape Architect with the Certificate of Compliance Request stating that there has been a 77% survival rate of the plantings at the two-year mark. The work has been completed in compliance with the Permit, and D. Anderson recommends issuance of a complete Certificate of Compliance.

Motion to issue the Certificate of Compliance for 56 Winding River Road (DEP File #234-648) by B. Murphy, seconded by S. Barber, approved 4-0-0.

WALKER POND WATERSHED BROCHURE (DRAFT) REVIEW

C. Hayward distributed a copy of a draft for the Walker Pond residents and the watershed as outreach. He said he's pulled this together and asked that the Commissioners review it and give them feedback. C. Hayward said he hopes to run this by the Town Engineer and the Superintendent of the Water & Sewer Division so that he can get their thoughts as well. P. Oehlkers stated that perhaps there is more information that should be included in the brochure that the Commission may suggest. C. Hayward suggests getting this distributed by May 1st.

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

D. Anderson told the Commission that the draft Conservation Commission Meeting dates calendar for the second half of 2018 was in their packets and asked them to review the dates for any conflicts before they finalize the calendar. They discussed the potential for conflict with “Needham Un-plugged”.

REVIEW OF EVERSOURCE PLANTING PLAN

C. Hayward stated that he had just received the Eversource Mitigation Planting Plan. They plan to install thirty (30) trees and one hundred and thirty-eight (138) shrubs. P. Oehlkers added that the area they are proposing to plant is an area that was nicely vegetated and then a few years ago the MBTA came and cleared it their R-O-W. C. Hayward plans to meet on-site with Eversource the next week and will ask for a better locus map of the area for clarity. The Commission asked that C. Hayward request Eversource to come and present the Plan to the Commission.

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn by A. Crocker, seconded by W. Murphy, approved 4-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

NEXT PUBLIC MEETING:

April 26, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Public Services Administration Building, 500 Dedham Avenue, Charles River Room.

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