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**WILBRAHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Meeting Minutes from January 14, 2019**

**Members present:** Chris Brown; Chairman, Bill Dane, Alice Colman, Robert McMaster, Jim Roberts and Stoughton Smead

**Staff:** Melissa Graves

**7:00 PM**

**Appointment – Chris Magill – 454V Ridge Road**

Mr. Magill is requesting to cut down and remove several trees on his property in anticipation of developing the lot into a single family home. He is in the process of filing a Notice of Intent but thought he could potentially get a head start on cutting the trees down. There is a stream towards the front of the parcel which would require a crossing. The Commission agreed that he should wait until the Notice of Intent is reviewed and approved.

**7:15 PM**

**Notice of Intent – 975 Stony Hill Road (continued from December 10, 2018)**

We received notification from the applicant's representative seeking a continuation to the January 28, 2019 meeting of the Conservation Commission pending third party review status.

**Motion:** Stoughton Smead, continue the public hearing until January 28, 2019 at 7:05 PM  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Robert McMaster

**In Favor:** Bill Dane, Robert McMaster, Jim Roberts and Stoughton Smead

**Recused:** Alice Colman

**7:25 PM**

**Notice of Intent – 6 Julia Way – Single Family Home**

**Present:** Mike Peitras, Engineering & Land Solutions

Several members of the Conservation Commission met with Mr. Pietras on-site on Saturday, January 12, 2019. The site is relatively level with minimal regrading required after the development of the lot. The limit of work line is situated in a manner that will create regeneration of shrubs and trees within a previously mowed field. This area is shown on the site plan within 50' of Bordering Vegetated Wetland and will further protect the wetlands. There is a small area of proposed yard outside of the 50' buffer for an in-ground swimming pool if the new owners choose to build one. Erosion Controls will be in place prior to any work being done. Hay bales and silt fence were proposed on the Notice in Intent but the Commission agrees that on this lot, straw wattles will be adequate for erosion control.

**Motion:** Jim Roberts, close the public hearing and issue a decision within 21 days

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Stoughton Smead

**Unanimously in Favor:** Bill Dane, Robert McMaster, Jim Roberts, Alice Colman and Stoughton Smead

*Referenced Materials: WPA Form 3 – Notice of Intent, WPA Form 5 – Order of Conditions, Site Plan – “Proposed Site Plan for Review”, Lot 5 Julia Way*

7:50 PM

**Notice of Intent – 8 Julia Way – Single Family Home**

**Present:** Mike Peitras, Engineering & Land Solutions

Several members of the Conservation Commission met with Mr. Pietras on-site on Saturday, January 12, 2019. The site is relatively level with minimal regrading required after the development of the lot. All the work is located outside the 50' buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands. Erosion controls will be installed prior to the beginning of any work. Straw wattles will be adequate on this lot for erosion control given the gently sloping elevation changes.

**Motion:** Bill Dane, close the public hearing and issue a decision within 21 days

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Robert McMaster

**Unanimously in Favor:** Bill Dane, Robert McMaster, Jim Roberts, Alice Colman and Stoughton Smead

*Referenced Materials: WPA Form 3 – Notice of Intent, WPA Form 5 – Order of Conditions, Site Plan – “Proposed Site Plan for Review”, Lot 4 Julia Way*

8:05 PM

**Request for Determination – 120 Old Boston Road**

**Present:** Dan Nitzsche

Several members of the Conservation Commission met with Mr. Nitzsche on-site on Saturday, January 12, 2019. The applicant is proposing to cut and remove vegetation within 100' of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. The intent is to re-establish the existing railroad sides and install new railroad sections to bring recyclable products to the facility. There is an existing culvert that travels under the railroad tracks with water that travels from the Boston Road area towards the Connecticut River. This proposed work will not have any adverse effect on the wetland.

**Motion:** Jim Roberts, issue a Positive 2A and 5 and a Negative 3 determination

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Bill Dane

**Unanimously in Favor:** Bill Dane, Robert McMaster, Jim Roberts, Alice Colman and Stoughton Smead

**The other item on the agenda: Request for Certificate of Compliance for 188 Monson Road was tabled pending receipt of the site plan associated with the project.**

Minutes

**November 19, 2018**

**Motion:** Stoughton Smead, approve minutes as written

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Jim Roberts

**Unanimously in Favor:** Bill Dane, Robert McMaster, Jim Roberts, Alice Colman and Stoughton Smead

Minutes

**December 10, 2018**

**Motion:** Jim Roberts, accept minutes as written

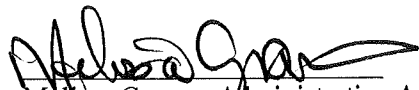
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Alice Colman


**Unanimously in Favor:** Bill Dane, Robert McMaster, Jim Roberts, Alice Colman and Stoughton Smead

Having no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 8:30 PM. The Conservation Commission will reconvene at its next scheduled meeting on January 28, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Submitted:

Approved As To Form And Content:

  
Melissa Graves, Administrative Assistant  
Date: 3/11/19

  
Christopher Brown, Chairman  
Date: 3/11/19