

Conservation Commission Public Hearing Minutes – March 17, 2022

Time: 7:01 PM – 8:06 PM **Location:** Hybrid – Swampscott High School and Zoom

Members Present: Tonia Bandrowicz, Acting Chair; Monica Lagerquist; Jonathan Grabowski; Colleen Hitchcock; Randall Hughes

Members Absent: Monica Tamborini

Staff: Marissa Meaney, Land Use Coordinator

The public hearing of the Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:01 pm.

The public hearing was video recorded.

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. **Certificate of Compliance #071-0320: 2 Smith Lane** – filed by Charlie Silva on behalf of Dorothy Foley.
MOTION: C. Hitchcock to approve COC. R. Hughes seconds; unanimously approved.
2. **Certificate of Compliance #071-0337: 2 Smith Lane** – filed by Charlie Silva.
MOTION: C. Hitchcock to approve COC. R. Hughes seconds; unanimously approved.
3. **Extension of Order of Conditions: 44-48 Carson Terrace**
MOTION: T. Bandrowicz to approve extension of OOC. M. Lagerquist seconds; unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

1. **Notice of Intent (NOI): DEP #071-0349, 10 Whitman Rd** – filed by the Town of Swampscott. Request to construct a new school building with parking lots, walkways, an athletic field, landscaped area, utilities, and a new stormwater management system. Project will include some vehicular and pedestrian improvements in neighboring 101 Forest Ave parcel.

T. Bandrowicz opened the public hearing by explaining the Conservation Commission’s jurisdiction over the project.

Suzanne Wright of the School Building Committee (SBC) introduced the project by explaining the process by which the SBC conceived the project, and then described the concept of the building.

David Conway of Nitsch Engineering provided the presentation for the Notice of Intent before the Commission.

The Commission asked some preliminary questions; there were no questions or comments from the public.

The Commission explained that because they do not yet have a completed analysis performed by their peer reviewer, Bill Jones, they will not be able to take any further action on the NOI this evening.

MOTION: J. Grabowski continued the hearing to 3/28/22. Unanimously approved.

2. **Notice of Intent (NOI): 95 Puritan Lane** – filed by Nicholas Mennino c/o Williams & Sparages, LLC. Request to perform demolition and reconstruction of single-family home.

Thor Akerley of Williams & Sparages was present with homeowner Nick Mennino to provide presentation.

The Commission found that the work will occur in the buffer zone of the Coastal Bank. They also found that that certain work pertaining to replacement/repair of existing retaining walls will also occur in Coastal Bank, however, the nature of the work as proposed and conditioned, will not have an adverse effect on stability of Coastal Bank.

The Commission provided special conditions for the Notice of Intent, including:

- Establishment and maintenance of appropriate erosion control devices
- Installation of temporary fencing prior to demolition on property
- Live-loading and removal of all debris and excavated material
- Pre-construction site visit to be scheduled with Commissioners, contractor, engineer, etc.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Balloon Policy
 - a. Policy would only apply to conservation land in Town (i.e. Harold King Forest, Linscott Park, etc)
 - b. Carolina Velasquez, local business owner, was present. Stated that she would be willing to work with Commission to adhere to responsible usage of balloons (i.e. banning of helium balloons)
 - c. Commissioner Randall Hughes suggested temporary limit that would allow usage only for responsible businesses, J. Grabowski agrees