

Conservation Commission Public Hearing Minutes – May 20, 2021

Time: 7:00 PM – 8:03 PM **Location:** Remote

Members Present: Tom Ruskin, Chair; Toni Bandrowicz, Vice Chair; Colleen Hitchcock; Jonathan Grabowski, Monica Lagerquist, A. Randall Hughes

Members Absent: Monica Tamborini

Staff: Molly O’Connell, Town Planner; Marissa Meaney, Land Use Coordinator

The public hearing of the Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:00 pm.

The public hearing was video recorded.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

- 1. Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA): 53 Puritan Rd** – filed by Gerald Sneirson, c/o Michael Tucker, Esq. for construction of second-story addition for master bedroom. (Map 19, Lot 202). Continued from March 18, 2021.

Attorney Tucker and Mr. Sneirson provided their presentation of the RDA before the Commission. They ensured that all filing procedures were met, including submission of the RDA to DEP directly.

T. Bandrowicz inquired as to whether the conditions from the Order of Conditions issued in 2019 had been met, and if the OOC had been properly closed out. Attorney Tucker and Mr. Sneirson confirmed that conditions were met and OOC was closed out.

MOTION: T. Bandrowicz to issue negative determination with conditions. C. Hitchcock seconds; unanimously approved.

- 2. Administrative Review: Department of Public Works, Town of Swampscott**

Kelly Stevens, Town Engineer, provided a presentation to the Commission regarding the Town’s updates to stormwater management practices. There were no questions or comments from the Commission.

- 3. Other Business**

Harbor and Waterfront Advisory Committee (HWAC) – C. Hitchcock met with Selectman Neal Duffy to propose the idea of having a Conservation Commission and Swampscott Conservancy liaison to the committee.

Additionally, she informed the Commission that Selectman David Grishman is the Select Board liaison to the Conservation Commission, and should be included on all correspondence going forward.

Lastly, the Conservation Commission will draft a letter to the HWAC regarding their input on the Harbor and Waterfront Plan, and will aim to start attending committee meetings.

39 Pleasant View Ave – T. Bandrowicz performed a site visit to the property which currently hosts the Japanese knotweed invasive species. She is currently trying to think of a process that would kill the invasive species without having an adverse effect on the resource. This would allow anyone attempting to remove the knotweed to submit an RDA that would be subject to conditions. The Town of Stowe has laid out an approach that could serve as a good model.