

## **Conservation Commission Public Hearing Minutes – December 17, 2020**

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

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

**Members Absent:** Monica Lagerquist, Monica Tamborini

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

The public hearing was video recorded.

### **AGENDA**

#### **NOTICES OF INTENT**

- 1. Notice of Intent – DEP #071-0338 (2 Smith Lane)** – filed by Charlie Silva c/o DeRosa Environmental Consulting for demolition and reconstruction of existing garage with new deck. (Map 21, Lot 60)

Homeowner Charlie Silva, Consultant Mike DeRosa, and P.E. John Morin were present for the hearing.

No erosion control measures are being made due to existing wall.

Construction will entail removal of existing concrete patio, thus increasing pervious surface, and pouring of new foundation almost within existing footprint.

No stockpiling to occur; all materials will be placed on driveway.

There was no public comment.

MOTION: T. Bandrowicz to issue OOC with standard conditions. C. Hitchcock seconds; unanimously approved.

- 2. Notice of Intent – DEP #071-0332 (76 Phillips Beach Ave)** filed by Peter Hasak (Tedesco Country Club) c/o Rimmer Environmental Consulting for cleaning of stream and removal of nuisance vegetation; removal of certain trees; and replacement of pavement on section of golf cart path. (Map 17, Lot 30)

Applicant Peter Hasak and Consultant Mary Rimmer were present for the hearing.

Tree roots will not be removed, and there will be no effect on surrounding wetlands.

Nuisance vegetation was described as phragmites and clogged areas that have halted flowage. Work will be conducted in winter so as not to disturb frog population, and will not be 100% removal of species.

Plans will be modified to include erosion control measures.

There was no public comment.

MOTION: C. Hitchcock to issue OOC with condition that work be completed prior to March and updated submission of plans to include erosion control measures. T. Bandrowicz seconds; unanimously approved.

**3. Discussion of Minor Modification to Notice of Intent – DEP #071-0333 (10 Palmer Rd)** filed by Scott Patrowicz, P.E. (Patrowicz Land Development Engineering) for addition to single-family home that includes new deck, roof, and second-floor addition; general repairs; and resurfacing of existing compacted gravel driveway (Map 33, Lot 13D)

Scott Patrowicz, P.E., Peter Pitman, AIA, and Tom Groom, homeowner, were present for the meeting.

The intention is to now demolish and reconstruct the house, raising it out of the floodplain to 16.5'. Entire foundation to be kept in place, no new excavation apart from approved garage, and no new utilities.

Commission determined that the work is substantial enough to not qualify as a minor modification to the NOI, and must therefore be treated as an amendment. Petitioners agreed to file an amendment and subsequently provide legal advertisement in newspaper and notify abutters.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

MOTION: C. Hitchcock to support Swampscott Conservancy effort to incorporate more native species. T. Bandrowicz seconds; unanimously approved.

MOTION: C. Hitchcock to approve November minutes. T. Ruskin seconds; unanimously approved.

### **Sandbags at 15-17 Puritan Rd.**

T. Bandrowicz explained that DEP wanted Commission to issue an emergency enforcement order. The Commission agreed that they will hire consultants to assess the situation and potentially come up with options for all houses along Fisherman's Beach. Commission will write a letter to the owner with an update.

### **MACC Funds**

Commission discussed the idea of creating conservation funds for other projects not involved with the Wetlands Protection Act (i.e. the Swampscott Rail Trail). Would have to be approved at spring Town Meeting.

### **Rail Trail NOI**

Continued NOI may resurface in March, in which case it must be readvertised and contain updated plans that are approved by a consultant.

The public hearing of the Conservation Commission was adjourned at 8:53 pm.