



## Medfield Conservation Commission

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### Medfield Conservation Commission PUBLIC MEETING

Zoom

Minutes of Thursday March 3, 2022 at 7:00pm

**Members Present:** Chair Debbie Bero, Michael Perloff, Bobby Kennedy, Kirsten Poler, Mary McCarthy

**Members Absent:** Cat Scott, George Darrell

**Staff Present:** Conservation Agent, Dave Henkels; Town Planner, Sarah Raposa

**Location:** Zoom

At approximately 7:03 pm, Chair Debbie Bero called the Conservation Commission meeting to order.

***Continuation of a Notice of Intent/Applicant Joanne Delapa/Address 26-30 Millbrook Road/***Project construction of a single-family dwelling. This filing is made pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and Medfield Wetlands Bylaw. Continued from January 20, 2022. DEP # 214-0690. A request was made by the applicant to continue without discussion until April 7, 2022.

Bobby Kennedy motioned to continue the Notice of Intent without discussion. Kirsten Poler seconded. Roll Call Vote: Kirsten Poler – yes, Michael Perloff – yes, Bobby Kennedy – yes, Deborah Bero – yes, Unanimous vote to continue the notice of intent. Vote: 4-0.

***Continuation of a Notice of Intent/Applicant Scott Colwell/Address Elm Street Parcel 33-087*** (between house # 40 and # 46 on Elm St.) Project construction of a single-family home. This filing is made under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and Medfield Wetlands Bylaw. DEP # 214-0691. A request was made by the applicant at the previous meeting to continue without discussion until March 17, 2022. This is confirmation of the vote to continue from the previous meeting on 2/17 and included for informational purposes only.

**New Filings/None**

#### Administration

##### 1. Eversource Vegetation Maintenance Plan

Matt Devlin and Mike Babineau were present to review plans and discuss. Matt Devlin opened the discussion with a map of the area along the ROW located in the Southeast part of Medfield, near Granite Street and High Street. The work is required to remove and prune trees that are deemed a hazard to safety, reliability, and function. The preference is to remove/prune vegetation excess of 15 feet high/25 feet away from the ROW. This will allow low growing plants to succeed those

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removed. Mike Babineau reaffirmed the need for establishment of native successional vegetation. Selected trees that are hazardous will be removed. Michael Perloff asked if herbicides are used.

Mike Babineau stated none will be used in this cycle, however, they are used, as needed, using Best Practices and according to State and Federal guidelines. Dave Henkels read the WPA exemption, and Mike Babineau stated methods and processes follow Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources when considering using herbicidal treatment.

## **2. Certificate of Compliance/Partial/Lincoln Court/Applicant Lincoln Court, LLC**

Dan Meerikan representing the owner spoke briefly about the request for a partial Certificate of Compliance. This OOC was issued under the Medfield Wetland Bylaw. The jurisdictional area is a small Isolated Vegetated Wetland. The property is composed of four lots and the property in question is 3 Lincoln Court. The home and the infrastructure are almost complete and will be ready for occupancy in the mid Spring. This location will have the driveway and its stabilization completed within several months. The drainage has been completed and the yard landscaped. Debbie Bero asked for motion to issue the partial CoC for this location, 3 Lincoln Court, located near Grove Street and Route 27. Kirsten Poler motioned to issue, Bobby Kennedy seconded. Roll Call Vote: Kirsten Poler – yes, Michael Perloff – yes, Bobby Kennedy – yes, Deborah Bero – yes, Unanimous vote to continue the notice of intent. Vote: 4-0.

## **3. Noon Hill License/New England Orienteering Club**

Debbie Bero opened the discussion regarding the process and procedures the Town should require as it reviews the use of Conservation/Town controlled land. The New England Orienteering Club has used Noon Hill in past however, administrative oversight should be reviewed in advance of this event. The club submitted detail including maps, Certificate of Insurance, Q Code locations, and a draft license was provided by Town Counsel. The Commission agreed that Town Counsel and Debbie Bero will review the license language and other documents that may be required. Michael Perloff suggested language restricting activity within 25 feet of a vernal pool and Kirsten Poler asked if other sensitive areas should be protected.

## **4. Minutes: January 18, 2018/ February 1, 2018/ February 15, 2018/ March 15, 2018/October 21, 2021/ January 20, 2022**

**January 18, 2018, February 1, 2018, February 15, 2018, and March 15, 2018** - Bobby Kennedy made a motion to approve the minutes of January 18, 2018, February 1, 2018, February 15, 2018, and March 15, 2018; Seconded by Kirsten Poler. Roll Call Vote: Kirsten Poler – yes, Michael Perloff – yes, Bobby Kennedy – yes, Deb Bero – yes (4-0)

**October 21, 2021** - Bobby Kennedy made a motion to approve the minutes of October 21, 2021; Seconded by Michael Perloff. Roll Call Vote: Kirsten Poler – yes, Michael Perloff – yes, Bobby Kennedy – yes, Deb Bero – yes (4-0)

**January 6, 2022** - Bobby Kennedy made a motion to approve the minutes of January 6, 2022; Seconded by Michael Perloff. Roll Call Vote: Kirsten Poler – yes, Michael Perloff – yes, Bobby Kennedy – yes, Deb Bero – yes (4-0)

**January 20, 2022** – *tabled*

## **5. Commission Protocols and Procedures: Signatures, Draft Orders of Conditions**

Discussion started by Debbie Bero to review the Order of Conditions currently used and determine if it should be updated/modified. Perhaps new statutes should be added for example, and dated information should be removed. Dave Henkels stated the OOC is ordinarily a boilerplate and special conditions are added based on the findings of each applicant. The Commission agreed to review the Orders as currently constructed.

**6. Commission Updates** - None

**7. Agent Updates** - None

**8. Mullin Rule Discussion** - The Commission agreed to cross check past attendance for hearings currently open.

**Adjournment** - At approximately 8:28 pm, Bobby Kennedy motioned to adjourn the meeting; Seconded by Kirsten Poler. Roll Call Vote: Michael Perloff – yes, Bobby Kennedy – yes, Kirsten Poler- yes, Debbie Bero - yes. Vote 4-0. Unanimous vote to adjourn.

Submitted by Dave Henkels