

Medfield Conservation Commission
PUBLIC MEETING via Zoom

Minutes of January 7, 2021

Members present: Robert Aigler, Michael Perloff, Deborah Bero, Bobby Kennedy, George Darrell, Kirsten Poler, Mary McCarthy

Associate member: Catherine Scott

Members absent:

Conservation Officer: Leslee Willitts

At 7:08 PM Chair Rob Aigler opened the meeting and read the following statement:

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Medfield Conservation Comm is being conducted via remote participation. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings as provided for in the Order. A reminder that persons who would like to listen to or view this meeting while in progress may do so by following the instructions on the agenda and meeting notice. This meeting is being recorded.

1. To review a Notice of Intent from ***Bruno Soares**, for the removal of several trees and construction of a patio within the 100-foot buffer zone of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at ***17 Winter Street, Map 57, Parcel 048**, on land owned by ***him**.

Mr. Soares and his representative, Dan O'Driscoll, spoke. They plan to take 6 trees down. Mr. Soares was told by Oxbow Associates and Land Design Associates that the trees are unhealthy. A truck and a crane will be positioned outside the 100-ft buffer. Stumps in the 100-ft will be ground down and stumps in the 50-ft no-disturb zone will be left.

Deb Bero made a motion to close the hearing and approve the notice of intent with conditions.

Bobby Kennedy seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. To review a Notice of Intent from ***C. Richard McCullough**, for the relocation of an existing driveway and installation of a sewer line within the 100-foot buffer zone of the Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at ***9 Granite Street, Map 23, Parcel 8**, on land owned by ***him**.

Joyce Hastings of GLM represented Mr. McCullough. The existing driveway is located in part on the neighboring lot, so 1400 sq feet of driveway will be moved onto Mr. McCullough's lot. Seven trees will be removed; only the stumps located in the driveway will be removed. A sewer line will be installed from the septic system behind the house along the driveway to the street. Erosion controls will be installed along the length of the driveway on both sides.

Mary McCarthy made a motion to close the hearing and approve the notice of intent with conditions.

Bobby Kennedy seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. To review a Notice of Intent from ***Julie Morrison**, for the construction of an addition, deck, porch, and patio within the 100-foot buffer zone of the Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at ***12 Orchard Street, Map 8, Parcel 33**, on land owned by ***her**.

Joyce Hastings of GLM represented Ms Morrison. A fire pit located in the 50-ft no disturb zone will be moved and the area restored. All work will be done in the existing lawn and the retaining wall behind the patio will be the limit of work. No trees will be removed. No stockpiling will take place within the 100-ft buffer (or the 100-ft inner riparian zone. There is an unnamed perennial stream behind the house, which was built in 1960, and therefore predates the Rivers Act, as well as the Wetlands Protection Act). Access will be via the front lawn. Gutters and an infiltration system will be installed in the front of the house. Leslee still has to go see the wetland line but is comfortable closing the hearing.

Deb Bero made a motion to close the hearing and approve the notice of intent with conditions.

Michael Perloff expressed concern that the riverfront is not mentioned in the agenda item. Joyce clarified that the disturbance amounts to 0.1% (2,075 sq ft) of the total riparian zone (40,550 sq ft).

Michael seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Scenic Road Presentation – Christine McCue
Chris stated that there are 10 scenic roads (per Deb Bero, covered in Mass GL, chap 40, section 15c) in Medfield and asked if the Commission would support a warrant article to designate additional roads and add street signs indicating the designation. The commission agreed to consider a draft article when available.

5. Administrative Items:

- A. Review/edit/approve minutes
 - Approval of December 17, 2020 minutes moved to next meeting
- B. Use of Conservation Land for public group events
 - Leslee will circulate Mike Francis' (TTOR) comments to commissioners for discussion at next meeting
- C. Signing Documents: how, when and where
- D. Discussion: OS&R Plan update
 - Per Rob Aigler, Nick Milano, Assistant Town Administrator, has ADA draft and will circulate to Commission
- E. Creating a website for the Conservation Commission
- F. Old /New Business

Bobby Kennedy made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Mary McCarthy seconded.
The motion passed unanimously at 9:10 PM.