

**Medfield Conservation Commission
PUBLIC MEETING via Zoom**

Minutes of February 4, 2021

Members present: Robert Aigler, George Darrell, Michael Perloff, Deborah Bero, Kirsten Poler,
Mary McCarthy
Members absent: Bobby Kennedy
Associate member: Catherine Scott
Conservation Officer: Leslee Willitts

At 7:04 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 ***Joanne Delapa** for the construction of a single-family house within the 50-Foot No-Disturb Area and 100-foot buffer zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at ***26 & 30 Millbrook Road, Map 52, lots 41 & 43**, on land owned by ***her**.

Tim McGuire of Goddard Consulting represented the applicant. There is an order of resource area delineation (ORAD) from 2014 associated with the lots. The focus of the discussion was that, to be in compliance, the upland areas of the lots—now separated by wetland—need to be connected; a stormwater swale at the street has been proposed to accomplish this. Town counsel Mark Cerel recommended that the Commission hire a wetlands consultant to conduct a technical—not legal—peer review of the proposal to determine if it is valid and workable.

Deborah Bero moved to continue the hearing until February 18 at 7 PM and to request proposals. Kirsten Poler seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

Leslee will send out requests for proposals.

2. To continue review a Notice of Intent from ***Sean Kay requesting a variance on the Deed Restriction** to allow for the construction of a sports court, retaining wall, and tree removal on an existing single-family house lot within the 50-Foot No-Disturb Area and 100-foot buffer zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at ***10 Quarry Road, Map 59, Parcel 099**, on land owned by ***him**.

Mitch Maslanka of Goddard Consulting represented the applicant, who was also present.

Town Counsel Mark Cerel reminded those present that the deed restriction on the property is from one of the original orders on the lot and applies to the bylaw.

Mitch discussed proposed and discussed mitigation in the form of plantings at the street.

Mike Perloff commented that no-disturb zones and buffers offer "marginal return" as they get wider because the 50 feet directly abutting the wetland does 90% of the buffering work.

A casual poll was taken of how the commissioners would likely vote on this NoI and it was split 3:3. The applicant requested a continuation to the next meeting in the hope that in the presence of the full commission, the tie would be broken.

Deborah Bero moved that the hearing be continued the February 18 at the applicant's request.

Kirsten Poler seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. Administrative Items:

A. Review/edit/approve minutes of August 6, August 20, September 17, 2020, and December 17, 2020

- This item was moved to the next meeting.

B. Use of Conservation Land for public group events

- This item was discussed but no action determined.

C. Signing Documents: how, when and where

D. Discussion: OS&R Plan update

Rob Aigler will send ADA plan to the Commission

E. Creating a website for the Conservation Commission

- There was a brief discussion of a trail map posted on the Commission's site that erroneously shows a trail extending onto a resident's property on Stuart Street. Nick Milano, Assistant Town Administrator, will remove the map from the web site.

F. Old /New Business

George Darrell moved to adjourn the meeting.

Deborah Bero seconded.

The motion passed unanimously at 9:27 PM.