



Medfield Conservation Commission

Town Hall · 459 Main Street · Medfield, Massachusetts 02052-2009

Minutes of Public Meeting, April 6, 2023 at 7:00pm

This meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

Members Present: Chair Deborah Bero, Bobby Kennedy, Kirsten Poler, Cat Scott, Michael Perloff, John Woodhull

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Interim Agent Bob Hartzel

Others Present: Rob Shea, Elaine Shea

At approximately 7:00pm, Chair Deborah Bero called the Conservation Commission meeting to order and performed a roll call for attendance.

I. Announcements

- The Conservation Commission is actively seeking to fill openings for both full Commissioner members and Associate Commissioners. Applicants should submit a letter of interest to both the Town Administrator and Conservation Commission.
- All Conservation Commission meetings are remote; however, the office is still open. Please call ahead if you need to come in.

II. Hearings

Request for Certificate of Compliance

Applicants: Rob and P. Elaine Shea

Project Location: 1 Scott Road, Map 66-Parcel 1

Documents Submitted for Review: WPA Form 8A – Request for Certificate of Compliance (submitted March 28, 2023)

The Applicants were issued an Order of Conditions (OOC) in 2002 for construction of a house addition and adjacent patio within the 100-foot Buffer Zone. Included within the OOC were Special Conditions related to an Enforcement Order (EO) issued for grading/filling with the 50-foot No-disturb Zone and a small area of adjacent BVW. The Applicant explained that they had simply forgotten to request a Certificate of Compliance (COC) and realized this as they are now selling their home. Mr. Hartzel determined during his site inspection that construction of the addition and patio appeared to be in conformance with the OOC, as was resolution of the EO. Mr. Hartzel also reported that two additional yard amenities had been constructed in the Buffer

Zone at a later date, without wetland permitting. The unpermitted areas included (1) a slate patio within the outer (50-100 foot) Buffer Zone and (2) a peastone pad within the 50-foot No Disturb Zone that had previously been the location of a swingset (recently removed). Mr. Hartzel noted that the peastone pad was within an area shown on the 2002 NOI site plans as established lawn. Commission members discussed and generally agreed that these two areas could be addressed separately from the Request for COC through filing of an after-the-fact Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA). The Applicant agreed to file an RDA for an upcoming hearing date.

Ms. Scott made a motion to authorize the issuance of a COC for 1 Scott Road.

Michael Perloff seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0 (Ms. Poler: aye; Ms. Scott: aye; Mr. Perloff: aye; Mr. Kennedy: aye; Mr. Woodhull: aye; Ms. Bero: aye.)

III. Minutes

1. March 2, 2023

Ms. Scott made a motion to approve minutes with edits.

Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0 (Ms. Poler: aye; Ms. Scott: aye; Mr. Perloff: aye; Mr. Kennedy: aye; Mr. Woodhull: aye; Ms. Bero: aye.)

2. February 16, 2023

Ms. Scott made a motion to approve minutes as presented.

Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0 (Ms. Poler: aye; Ms. Scott: aye; Mr. Perloff: aye; Mr. Kennedy: aye; Mr. Woodhull: aye; Ms. Bero: aye.)

IV. Updates/Discussions

1. Elm Street appeal: DEP informed the Commission via email that they will be conducting a site visit on April 27, 2023. The Commission discussed the appropriate approach to attendance at this site visit by Commission members. Ms. Bero will discuss this further with Town Counsel and report back to the Commission.
2. Vernal Pool Project: Ms. Bero and Mr. Hartzel investigated three potential vernal pool areas on March 31st, but none of these areas exhibited vernal pool habitat. Mr. Hartzel reported smelling a septic odor and observing a biological film at the site off of Ice House Road, which could potentially be associated with a leaking sewer pipe.
3. Inventory of ConComm Properties: Ms. Bero thanked Mr. Woodhull for his efforts in beginning an updated inventory of ConComm properties. This project is on hold, pending receipt of related information being developed as part of the ongoing Open Space and Recreation Plan update.
4. Medfield State Hospital (MSH) Permitting: Ms. Bero explained that that a Request for a Partial Certificate of Compliance and a new NOI are expected to be submitted in the near

future by DCAMM for the Charles River overlook area and adjacent wetland mitigation. Ms. Bero advised the Commissioners to be up to date on knowledge of the wetland permitting history for the MSH site.

Mr. Hartzel noted that groundwater monitoring reports have been requested from DCAMM, as these are required per the current OOC to be submitted to the ConComm.

5. Medfield State Hospital Project/Trinity Development: Ms. Bero sent a memo to the Planning Board in February requesting a review copy of the Stormwater Application for the site. This has not been provided to date.
6. DPW: Mr. Kennedy reported that an Earth Day event will be held on April 22, 2023, at which volunteers will help pick up trash in high traffic areas.
7. Sustainable Medfield: Sustainable Medfield has sent a request to the Conservation Commission to solicit participation in Climate Week (April 29 – May 7, 2023).
8. Noon Hill: Several organizations have submitted license applications for use of the Noon Hill property for upcoming events. Ms. Bero has asked these organizations to submit a Certificate of Insurance, after which the applications will be forwarded to Police, Fire and BOH.
9. Open Space & Recreation Plan (OSRP): Ms. Scott reported that the townwide survey related to the OSRP is complete. The consultants are reviewing the survey results and will incorporate this into the draft OSRP.

V. Adjournment

Mr. Kennedy motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:15 PM.

Ms. Scott seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0 (Ms. Poler: aye; Ms. Scott: aye; Mr. Perloff: aye; Mr. Kennedy: aye; Ms. Mr. Woodhull: aye; Ms. Bero: aye.)

Respectfully submitted,
Cara Wise, Administrative Assistant