



Medfield Conservation Commission

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Medfield Conservation Commission PUBLIC MEETING

Zoom

Minutes of Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 7:00pm

Members Present: Chair Deborah Bero, Michael Perloff, Mary McCarthy, Bobby Kennedy, Cat Scott, George Darrell

Members Absent: Kirsten Poler

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

Others Present: Alex Munz, George Lester, Mark Arnold, David Baker, Randy Miron, Michael Dufault, James Chase, Paul Landry, IannoneN

Open Meeting/Roll Call: At approximately 7:03pm, Chair Deborah Bero called the Conservation Commission meeting to order.

Administration:

4. Eagle Scout project: Bridge Replacement Bay Circuit Trail

- Scout Alex Munz presented the project, with an estimate completion date of the week of 8/7/22 with a team of about 10 to assemble most of the project off-site.
- Bridge is located near 98 High St. and connects to the trails on conservation land behind the Ralph Wheelock School, and it is not near private property. It is on town land, but also part of the Bay Circuit Trail.
- Proposed bridge would be 3' wide, 50' long and 6" above water level, with an estimate cost of \$1,146.38 for pressure treated wood.
- George Lester is on the commission of the Bay Circuit Trail and Bobby Kennedy will be the contact for this project.
- Attendee Michael Dufault asked if they need engineering approval or if there is any liability for the town or the Boy Scouts? Deb, Alex and George will reach out to Town Counsel Mark Cerel with proposed project.
- McCarthy motioned to approve the project subject to a negative response from Town Council. Kennedy seconded. Roll Call Vote: Kennedy = aye, McCarthy = aye, Perloff = aye, Scott = aye, Darrell = abstaining, Bero = aye. Vote 5-0.

Continued Hearings

1. *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. Request for continuation until June 16, 2022. DEP # 214-0690. McCarthy motioned to continue at the request of the applicant to June 16, 2022. Scott seconded. Roll Call Vote: Perloff = aye, McCarthy = aye, Kennedy = aye, Scott = aye, Darrell = aye, Bero = aye. Vote 6-0.

2. *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, driveway, and ancillary structures. This filing is made under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Medfield Wetlands Bylaw. DEP # 214-0691. Perloff motioned to continue by agreement to June 2, 2022.

Approved 6/16/22

McCarthy seconded. Roll Call Vote: Scott = aye, Darrell = aye, Perloff = aye, McCarthy = aye, Kennedy = aye, Bero = aye. Vote 6-0.

New Applications

3. *Request for Determination of Applicability/Address 230 Main Street/Project the construction of a proposed restaurant and associated features. This filing is made under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Medfield Wetlands Bylaw.*

- Present: Mark Arnold (Goddard Consulting), David Baker (RK Centers, runs all of the property management, construction and permitting for the plaza), Randy Miron (Bohler Engineering)
- Mark Arnold presented plans for a request for determination of applicability for proposed activities around an existing stormwater basin: 1) commercial restaurant with associated stormwater infrastructure 2) garbage/trash bay area 3) utilities to connect sewer, gas, electric 4) landscaping
- Activities proposed in the 0-50 foot buffer zone (no increase in impervious surface): 1) sidewalk within the existing pavement 2) extra curbing to protect the sidewalk and provide access from the sidewalk to the Shaws Plaza 3) water utility line to tap into the existing water line 4) repaving of the pavement disturbed by that work
- Activities proposed in the 50-100 foot buffer zone (minor increase of impervious surface): 1) work within the existing parking lot 2) work within the existing landscape / islands will remain landscaped, except the trash area and a small section of the building
- No increase in peak volume, no change in stormwater from proposed development, and the work does not alter areas subject to protection.
- Some commission concerns: when was maintenance on the basin last done? Bags of trash being blown around from wind on the back side. Baker responded that they recently cleared limbs and debris by hand and sucked out the outlet and inlet ends of debris with a vacuum truck. They also annually sweep winter sands and vacuum out the catch basins and deep sump, rebuild settling structures and clean vortex units.
- Does this project comply with the regulations pre/post 1996? Randy Miron prepared standard plans that comply with MA DEP Stormwater regulations and the Medfield Board of Health standard regulations (pending application), and the application is pending review and jurisdiction from the Medfield Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Board, Conservation Commission and Board of Health. The Town of Medfield also has Tetra Tech Engineering conducting an independent peer review. Mark Arnold confirmed that the application was submitted, considering the greatest protection to the wetlands and filed the RDA considering the basin as wetlands, not just a stormwater feature, so the site is being designed to current DEP stormwater standards for peak and volume, which is the highest standard you can have for a stormwater design.
- McCarthy noted that the stormwater basin appears to be degraded and asked what is the standard for maintenance of stormwater basins.
- Perloff was concerned that water being sent to detention area would exceed the capacity of the detention basin, and also that the water appears to be discolored/brown.
- Kennedy asked if there was any pre-treatment before water goes into the detention areas.
- They are making modifications to the underground infiltration system (increase size and adding water quality improvements), fully capturing and infiltrating the 100 year storm. It ties into the existing drainage system, where it goes through pre-treating and cleaning before it goes into the detention pond.
- Tetra Tech has asked them to revise the stormwater rainfall events to use the new NOAA standards, which is similar to the Cornell Standards, just a little higher.
- The Board of Health is doing a stormwater review for both the Board of Health regulations

for the town of Medfield and the MA stormwater regulations.

- Tetra Tech is the peer review consultant for the Board of Health, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board, but not for the Conservation Commission. Board agreed to ask Steve Bouley at Tetra Tech to make sure the plan is following wetlands and conservation regulations as well as to make sure the design does not cause any impact to the resource.
- Scott made a motion to continue at the applicant's request to June 2, 22. Perloff seconded. Roll Call Vote: Kennedy = aye, Scott = aye, Perloff = aye, Darrell = aye, McCarthy = aye, Bero = aye. The vote 6-0.
- Kennedy made a motion to bring on Tetra Tech Engineering for a peer review to review the plan at the applicant's expense for statue. Scott seconded. Roll Call Vote: Darrell = aye, Perloff = aye, McCarthy = aye, Scott = aye, Kennedy = yes, Bero = aye. The vote 6-0.

Minutes:

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| • 7/18/19 | • 9/19/19 |
| • 8/1/19 | • 10/17/19 |
| • 8/15/19 | • 11/7/19 |
| • 9/5/19 | • 12/19/19 |

McCarthy motioned to approve meeting minutes as amended for 7/18/19, 8/1/19, 8/15/19, 9/5/19, 9/19/19, 10/17/19, 11/7/19, 12/19/19. Scott seconded. Roll call vote: Darrell = aye, McCarthy = aye, Perloff = aye, Scott = aye, Kennedy = aye, Bero = aye. The vote: 6-0.

Administration:

5. Commission Updates

- Flynn's Pond - calls made to SOLitude and Days Gone By for an algae, lily pads and organics inspection
- Memorial Day weekend - touch-a-truck at Medfield High School
- after Memorial Day - preparations for Hinkley Pond opening
- Kennedy working with Eagle Scout bridge replacement project
- Discussed any provisions about a Conservation unpaid/supervised intern position
- Rocky Woods 5/20/22 site walk canceled - rescheduled until later in the summer
- Raposa provided a draft of the RFP for the Open Space and REC plan (article passed at the Town Meeting)
- TARC (Trail Animals Running Club) needs to submit more information for proposed trail race in July
- Quarry Rd. - received Order of Conditions, Board to review and prepare to sign on 5/23/22
- 136-138 South St. - working on certificate of compliance
- Lincoln Court - finalizing reissue certificate
- Discussed moving Darrell's role to an associate member/invasive species consultant

6. Agent Updates

- Elm St. continued to 6/2/22
- 23 School St. – late July/August (similar to 39 Quarry Rd.)
- 10 Indian Hill Rd. – want to amend the open order of conditions
- 40 Nebo St. – July (deck replacement within riverfront area)
- 26/30 Millbrook Rd. continued to 6/16/22
- Solitude Lake Management - pond maintenance

- Potential vegetation management program for the Friends of the Medfield Rail Trail
- Outstanding Certificate of Compliance for 136/138 South St. needs to be resolved by 5/23/22
- Order of Conditions for 39 Quarry Rd. due 5/26/22, needs to be resolved by 5/23/22
- Medfield State Hospital – invasive plants
- 230 Main St./Chipotle – wetlands

7. Mullin Rule Discussion – can only miss one meeting of an ongoing hearing. If you miss one meeting, you need to review the recording from meeting in order to participate and vote in further meetings.

Upcoming Meeting Dates: June 2, 2022, June 16, 2022, July TBD (all subject to change)

At approximately 9:18pm, McCarthy motioned to adjourn the meeting. Perloff seconded. Roll call vote: Darrell = aye, McCarthy = aye, Perloff = aye, Scott = aye, Kennedy = aye, Bero = aye. The vote: 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Chandler, Administrative Assistant

#	Question	Asker Name
1	Hello. I'm Alex Eagle advisor. I don't need to be added but am here if there are additional questions	IannoneN
2	Hi Sarah I am on the call	George Lester
3	This is a good project. Are there any requirements to have the bridge plans approved from an engineering perspective? What about liability?	Dufault# Michael /US
4	Michael Dufault 8 carmen circle	Dufault# Michael /US
5	can I talk?	Dufault# Michael /US
6	Thank you.	IannoneN
7	I'm willing to join the board. Michael Dufault	Dufault# Michael /US
8	Biologist and was on Pond & Waterways Committee in Sudbury.	Dufault# Michael /US
9	I'll do that this week.	Dufault# Michael /US