

ANDOVER CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
VIA TELECONFERENCE

June 9, 2020 4:00pm

APPROVED

Conservation Members in Attendance:

Chairman Donald Cooper, Vice Chairman Kevin Porter, Commissioner Tom Brady, Commissioner Ellen Townson, Commissioner Jon Honea, Commissioner Alix Driscoll and Commissioner Floyd Greenwood. Staff members present were Robert Douglas, Conservation Director and Ben Meade Conservation Agent.

Chairman Cooper opened the Meeting with stating the protocol for remote participation and questions from the public.

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

15-19 Chapel Avenue

Present in Interest: Kevin Block

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Public Meeting on a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by **Kevin Block** under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, § 40 and/or the Andover Wetlands Protection By-law, Article XIV, for proposed installation of 400' long by 20' wide asphalt permeable parking area with signage at **15-19 Chapel Avenue**.

Mr. Meade presented this to the Commission. The proposed project is on the inside of the cul-de-sac at the end of Chapel Avenue on Phillips Academy and is adjacent to and drains to, Rabbit Pond. The closest point to the wetland is 60 feet. There will be no change in storm water management, drainage patterns or topography. No vegetation in the buffer zone will be removed.

Commissioner Greenwood asked if road millings would be used, he is concerned with the runoff from the millings. Kevin Block informed the Commission that recycled asphalt would be used. Cars are already parking in the area, it is next to existing pavement.

Commissioner Honea asked if this will be permeable. Kevin Block stated the school has used this in the past with no drainage issues and it is being provided by the contractor.

Chairman Cooper asked if this project is significantly different than any other roadway project in Town.

Mr. Meade reminded the Commission that they have approved a number of roadway projects using asphalt, this is no different and is an extension of an existing roadway for extra parking.

Commissioner Townson added that the application stated the parking area would be permeable and asked for more information on the millings.

Chairman Cooper asked that the pavement proposed be permeable with evidence provided to staff and show that recycled asphalt is not significantly different than solid asphalt.

Commissioner Greenwood added that regular asphalt can be used and asked for other options that do not leach.

Special condition to be added that recycled asphalt cannot be used.

Chairman Cooper asked for a Motion. Commissioner Greenwood made a Motion to approve as discussed; it was seconded by Commissioner Honea and unanimously approved by Rollcall Vote:

Rollcall Vote:

D. Cooper – yes

T. Brady – yes

J. Honea – yes

A. Driscoll – yes

K. Porter – yes

E. Townson – yes

F. Greenwood – yes

Field Pond – Harold Parker Road

Present in Interest: Pat Keck

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Public Meeting on a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by **Friends of Harold Parker** under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, § 40 and/or the Andover Wetlands Protection By-law, Article XIV, for proposed planting of wetland plants along the shoreline of Field Pond at **Harold Parker Road/Field Pond**.

Mr. Douglas presented this to the Commission. The project consists of the planting of native plants already found in the park on the shoreline of Field Pond.

Pat Keck informed the Commission that the plantings would take place in the fall when the Pond is lowered.

Chairman Cooper asked for a Motion. Commissioner Townson made a Motion to approve, it was seconded by Commission Greenwood and unanimously approved by Rollcall vote:

Rollcall Vote:

D. Cooper – yes

T. Brady – yes

J. Honea – yes

A. Driscoll – yes

K. Porter – yes

E. Townson – yes

F. Greenwood – yes

19 Jenkins Road

Present in Interest: Karen Marshall

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Public Meeting on a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by **Robert Petitjean** under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, § 40 and/or the Andover Wetlands Protection By-law, Article XIV, for proposed demolition of an existing dwelling at **19 Jenkins Road**.

Mr. Meade presented this to the Commission. The project consists of demolition of the existing house, removal of the foundation and grading around the area. The closest point of work to the wetland boundary is 50 feet. A pre-construction meeting will be held prior to the beginning of work and staff will work with the applicant for the placement of erosion controls on the plan provided.

Karen Marshall informed the Commission that another home would not be built on this property, it will become maintained lawn area.

Chairman Cooper asked for a Motion. Commissioner Greenwood made a Motion to approve, it was seconded by Commissioner Townson and unanimously approved by Rollcall Vote:

Rollcall Vote:

D. Cooper – yes

T. Brady – yes

J. Honea – yes

A. Driscoll – yes

K. Porter – yes

E. Townson – yes

F. Greenwood – yes

Harold Parker Road

Present in Interest: Andy Sherman and Pat Keck

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Public Meeting on a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by **Northshore NEMBA/Friends of Harold Parker** under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, § 40 and/or the Andover Wetlands Protection By-law, Article XIV, for proposed construction of a boardwalk at **0 Harold Parker Road**.

Mr. Douglas presented this to the Commission. Beavers have caused flooding which caused the need for the extension to the boardwalk.

Chairman Cooper asked for a Motion. Commissioner Greenwood made a Motion to approve, it was seconded by Commissioner Townson and unanimously approved by Rollcall Vote:

Rollcall Vote:

D. Cooper – yes
T. Brady – yes
J. Honea – yes
A. Driscoll – yes

K. Porter – yes
E. Townson – yes
F. Greenwood – yes

Launching Road – Deer Jump Reservation

Present in Interest: Buzz Stapczynski and Vincent Candela

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Public Meeting on a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by **AVIS** under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, § 40 and/or the Andover Wetlands Protection By-law, Article XIV, for proposed construction of 3 boardwalks at **Launching Road/Deer Jump Reservation**.

Mr. Douglas presented this to the Commission. The project contains trail maintenance due to safety concerns. The proposed project will make a new trail and boardwalk due to the erosion of the existing boardwalk.

Vincent Candela presented his project to the Commission. One boardwalk will be 72' long; the second 9' long over a gully; and the third 24' long over a muddy area. Straw waddle will help prevent dirt from going into Fishbrook stream. He reviewed the construction of the boardwalks. Any wood cut onsite will be on a tarp and removed from the site. The excess dirt will be used to level out the areas.

Buzz Stapczynski added that these are much needed repairs to Deer Jump Reservation.

Chairman Cooper asked for a Motion. Commission Greenwood made a Motion to approve, it was seconded by Commissioner Townson and unanimously approved by Rollcall Vote:

Rollcall Vote:

D. Cooper – yes
T. Brady – yes
J. Honea – yes
A. Driscoll – yes

K. Porter – yes
E. Townson – yes
F. Greenwood – yes

3 Cricket Circle

Present in Interest: Donna and Sean Burke

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Public Meeting on a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by **Donna and Sean Burke** under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, § 40 and/or the

Andover Wetlands Protection By-law, Article XIV, for proposed construction of a 21'7" by 3'5" addition at **3 Cricket Circle**.

Mr. Douglas presented this to the Commission. This project is for an addition at the rear of the existing house. There is a large, flat yard between the addition and the wetland. A snow fence as the limit of work will be sufficient.

Chairman Cooper stated that a letter from Norse Environmental was received stating the project is exempt, the Commission does not agree with this letter.

Commissioner Townson made a Motion to approve as discussed, it was seconded by Commissioner Driscoll and unanimously approved by Rollcall Vote:

Rollcall Vote:

D. Cooper – yes

T. Brady – yes

J. Honea – yes

A. Driscoll – yes

K. Porter – yes

E. Townson – yes

F. Greenwood – yes

CONSENT AGENDA:

172 Greenwood Road

Request for Satisfactory Completion of Work Certificate.

1 Langley Lane

Request for a Certificate of Compliance.

1 Archer Lane

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Request for Satisfactory Completion of Work Certificate.

70 & 86 North Street/127 Chandler Road (3 Norwich Place)

Request for a Certificate of Compliance.

5 Basswood Lane

Request for a Satisfactory Completion of Work Certificate.

5 Basswood Lane

Request for a Satisfactory Completion of Work Certificate.

89 Holt Road

Request for a Satisfactory Completion of Work Certificate.

Minutes

Approval of May 26, 2020 Minutes.

Commissioner Townson made a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, it was seconded by Commissioner Brady and unanimously approved by Rollcall Vote:

Rollcall Vote:

D. Cooper – yes

T. Brady – yes

J. Honea – yes

A. Driscoll – yes

K. Porter – yes

E. Townson – yes

F. Greenwood – yes

DISCUSSION ITEMS/ LATE ITEMS:

Emergency Certification

Present in Interest: Jeff Crane

126 Tewksbury Street- There was a water main break that runs through a water main easement, under 126 Tewksbury Street, under the Shawsheen River and under 77 Lowell Junction Road. DPW is working with staff to determine the best way to work in this sensitive area and adhere to the AUL on 77 Lowell Junction Road. Chairman Cooper asked if the project should be monitored by staff or a consultant. Ben Meade informed the Commission that staff will be onsite two or three times a day while the work is ongoing.

Jeff Crane advised the Commission that the project will take 5 days and they hope to start Monday and finish on Friday. Commissioner Greenwood asked how the work under the River would be done. Jeff Crane explained that sheet piles will be placed to dam the water around the pipe failure, dewatering the area and then repair the pipe. Silt beds will be used to control the sediment or a turbid curtain. The River is low right now with not a lot of flow. Some sediment migration is unavoidable.

Commissioner Greenwood asked if the pipe would be replaced or patched where the leak is. Jeff Crane informed the Commission that a piece of the pipe will be cut out where the failure was and

replace up to 10-15' of the pipe and encapsulate the whole bank. He also stated an LSP will be onboard.

Chairman Cooper asked if the dewatering activity will use a frack tank. Mr. Meade responded that a frack tank was not necessary as a dewatering basin will be used to manage the turbid water which will be pumped to an upland area with plenty of room to disburse to capture sediment before it enters the river again.

Commissioner Greenwood made a Motion to ratify the Emergency Certification, it was seconded by Commissioner Townson and unanimously approved by Rollcall Vote:

Rollcall Vote:

D. Cooper – yes

T. Brady – yes

J. Honea – yes

A. Driscoll – yes

K. Porter – yes

E. Townson – yes

F. Greenwood – yes

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 pm by Motion of Commissioner Townson; seconded by Commissioner Greenwood and unanimously approved by Rollcall Vote:

Rollcall Vote:

D. Cooper – yes

T. Brady – yes

J. Honea – yes

A. Driscoll – yes

K. Porter – yes

E. Townson – yes

F. Greenwood – yes

The next meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2020 at 4:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Lynn Viselli,
Recording Secretary**

Documents:

Consent Agenda

- Draft Minutes of May 26, 2020