

CONSERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA

Date: May 9, 2019

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: City Hall, Room 204

NOTE: Items may be taken out of order at the Chair's discretion.

NOTE: Discussions of wetland cases may be limited to 20 minutes for RDAs and 40 minutes for NOIs

DECISIONS

1. Wabasso CR

- Owner: City of Newton, Conservation Commission Representative: Catherine Farrell
- Request: Signatures from the Commission on the Municipal Certification for the 30 Wabasso Street Conservation Restriction (CR) stating that the Conservation Restriction on 30 Wabasso Street is in the interest of the public and that the site will be maintained as conserved land in perpetuity.

I. WETLANDS DECISIONS

2. 687 Watertown St. – Preliminary presentation -- Access and parking changes for NECP

- Owner/Applicant: Newton Schools Representative: Josh Morse
- Request: Introduce the project to the Con Com

3. Norumbega Conservation Area/0 Islington Rd. – Update – Installation of Waterbars

- Owner: Newton Conservation Commission Representative: David Morefield, Boy Scout
- Request: Receive Commission approval for installation of water bars on the River Road trail.

4. 16 Grace Rd. – RDA – Driveway expansion associated with teardown-rebuild

- Owner/Applicant: Craig Halajian_ Representative: self
- Request: Original communication noted interest in work on existing driveway. Plans show expansion of driveway in RFA

5. 243 Park St. – RDA – clarify that stream is intermittent

- Owner/Applicant: Arman Chitchian Representative: Sarah Stearns, Beals and Thomas
- Request: Confirm the status of the stream adjacent to the site is intermittent.

6. 2 Thaxter Rd. – after-the-fact RDA – cutting 2 trees

- Owner/Applicant: Ken Thornby Representative: self
- Request: Ex post facto approval of mitigation for the unpermitted removal of 2 trees

7. 1 Nonantum Rd. – Request for Minor Plan Change (DEP File #239-745) – Riverside path

- Owner: Martha McMahon DCR/DCAMM Applic.: Newton Country Day School/Boston Acad. of the Sacred Heart Representatives: Daniel J Padien (VHB, Inc.)
- Request: Approval of a reduction and realignment of the prior-approved public access pathway along the Charles River (to allow the path to continue further along the river to the Newton Yacht Club entry drive)

8. 212 Kenrick Street – continued NOI (DEP File #239-834) – vegetation management in golf course ponds

- Owner: Steven Meyer, Newton Commonwealth Foundation Applicant: David Stowe, Newton Commonwealth Golf Course Representative: Matthew Salem, SOLitude Lake Management
- Request: Ecological Restoration Order of Conditions

9. 33 Wayne Road – OOC Minor Plan Change (DEP File #239-811) – addition of retaining wall in rear yard

- Owner/Applicant: Carmine Petruziello Representative: Carmine Petruziello
- Request: Approval as a minor plan change the addition of a ~1.3-foot tall and ~45' long retaining wall in the rear of the lawn



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10. 790 Centre Street – informal discussion – add gravel to existing gravel road

- Owner/Applicant: Mt. Alvernia Academy Representative: none
- Request: Conservation staff would like the Commission’s thoughts about how the land owner should seek approval for adding gravel to the road near the stream crossing.

11. 2401 Commonwealth Ave Boathouse – Informal discussion – after-the-fact approval and new ADA-compliant docks

- Owner: DCR Applicant/Representative: Larry Smith
- Request: Applicant would like to know how best to bring the site into compliance and how to seek approval for proposed ADA improvements.

12. Hammond Brook Culvert – OOC Extension (DEP File #239-751) – replace and reline stormdrain culvert

- Owner/Applicant: City of Newton, DPW Representative: none
- Request: Extend Order of Conditions by 3 years to allow for work to be completed.

13. 56 North St. – OOC Extension (DEP File #239-760) – tear-down/re-build SFH

- Owner/Applicant: Tramy and Sinclair Lao Representative: self
- Request: Extend OOC by 3 years to allow for growing season requirement to be met for mitigation plantings.

14. 30 Beethoven Rd. – COC Request (DEP File #239-714) – Zervas School construction

- Owner/Applicant: City of Newton, Public Buildings Representative: Paul Ferolito, City of Newton
- Request: Close out Order of Conditions 239-714 permitting the construction of a new school (Zervas School).

CONSERVATION AREA DECISIONS – none at this time

15. 230 Dudley Road/Hahn Brook Conservation Area restoration – informal feedback

- Owner/Applicant: Fred Bennett Representative: Dan Gordon, Dan Gordon Landscape Architects
- Request: Homeowner and their representative would like feedback from the Commission on their proposed restoration plan for the historic encroachment of the 230 Dudley Road lot onto the Hahn Brook Conservation Area.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS

16. Administrative Approval.

17. Minutes of 4/18/19 to be approved.

IV. ISSUES AROUND TOWN DECISIONS

UPDATES

V. WETLANDS UPDATES

VI. CONSERVATION AREA UPDATES

VII. ISSUES AROUND TOWN UPDATES

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER UPDATES

OTHER TOPICS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR 48 HOURS BEFORE THE MEETING

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