

**ACTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
September 4, 2013
7:15 PM
TOWN HALL - 472 MAIN STREET
ROOM 204**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Andrew Magee, William Froberg, Amy Green, Jim Colman, Theresa Portante-Lyle

NATURAL RESOURCES DIRECTOR & RECORDING SECRETARY: Tom Tidman

VISITORS: Leah Basbanes, Matt Raymond, Raymond Chun

7:10 Request for Determination: 86 Central Street (010)

MSR Utility Maintenance proposing installation of an anode bed along right of way of an existing road bed, within 100' of wetlands, located at 86 Central Street, Acton, MA (town atlas plate G2, parcel 178).

Meeting was opened at 7:10 PM. Leah Basbanes, wetlands consultant, presented for the applicant. Wetlands are on town-owned land, abutting the property, and are within 45 feet of the sidewalk. The anode bed being proposed is 25 feet off the sidewalk. All work is entirely within the 100 foot buffer zone. The work entails driving down 10 anodes 10 to 15 feet deep as a protection for the existing gas line. Matt Raymond from MSR said that such anodes typically have a life of about 20 years. Mr. Froberg asked when the work would begin, and Mr. Raymond responded that the work would begin as soon as they were issued a permit from Acton's Engineering Department. Mr. Magee asked if any silt fencing would be used. Mr. Raymond pointed out that on the plan, waddles were proposed. Mr. Tidman added that the area was flat, so waddles would be appropriate. Mr. Magee stated the Commission would permit the use of waddles in lieu of silt fencing.

The meeting was closed at 7:30 PM.

Determination: Mr. Froberg moved a "negative 3", that is, that the work described in the request is within the Buffer Zone, as defined in the regulations, but will not alter an area subject to protection under the act. Therefore, said work does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent. Mr. Coleman seconded, vote was unanimous.

7:15 Notice of Intent: Continuation - 12 Summer Street, #85-1127.

Hearing opened at 7:40PM: the Commission briefly discussed the current status of the filing. Currently the Commission is waiting for the applicant to contact the Conservation office to set up the next site walk. Outstanding issues to be addressed: re-flagging of wetlands, location of the center line of the proposed road, the location of a stream not shown on the original submitted plan, and flagging of trees to be removed. Mr. Magee announced the hearing is continued to September 18th at 7:45 PM.

Discussion: Groener Conservation Restriction In the absence of Tom Arnold, no discussion took place.

Certificates of Compliance:

Mr. Colman moved that a Certificate be issued for 3 Putter Drive #85-1083, Ms. Green seconded; unanimous vote.

Ms. Green moved that a Certificate be issued for 117 Central Street #85-19, Mr. Froberg seconded, unanimous vote.

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Ms. Green moved to accept, Ms. Portante-Lyle seconded, unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

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Terry Maitland
Chairperson

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Cemetery Commission Memo (020)

Westchester Recusal Request (021)

Request to continue September 18th, time tbd

Discussion: Groener Conservation Restriction

Request for Certificates:

3 Putter Drive #85-1083 (030)

117 Central Street #85-19 (040)

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