



**Minutes of
Danvers Conservation Commission
Thursday, February 23, 2017
Sr. Center**

The Danvers Conservation Commission held a public meeting on Thursday, February 23, 2017, at the Senior Center, located at 25 Stone Street, Danvers, MA 01923.

Members present: Michael Splaine, Member
Peter Wilson, Member
James Elliott, Member
Jean Hartnett, Member
Chelsea King, Member

Members absent: Neal Waldman, Alternate Member

Staff present: Georgia Pendergast, Planner

Staff absent: Alicia Linehan

Mr. Splaine opened the Conservation Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a reading of the “Commission Statement.”

1. Certificate of Compliance

• Bridle Spur Road Extension, DEP File No. 14-1031

John Morin, Morin Cameron Group, was representing the applicant. They received an Order of Conditions on 1/25/2006. Several extensions were granted. Morin Cameron Group didn't permit the original subdivision. The commission issued an Order of Conditions under the wetlands protection act to the original subdivision. The wetlands protection order was appealed. DEP came in and issued a superseding order for the project. The project was started, then there were tough times in the economy, which delayed the construction of the road. Everything was finally built. The access road is within the buffer zone. The plan presented was the original submitted as an as built. The commission raised some questions: How many lots do not have house on them? Lots 7, 8 and 9. Lot 9 is within the commission's jurisdiction and has a valid order of conditions. What was the grounds for the appeal? Morin Cameron Group wasn't involved at that time so not sure. Mrs. Wilson stated that the storm drain was too close to the water. Was the superseding order different? No, exact same order. Is everything performing as it should? Yes. Is the town maintaining the area? Culvert has been like that for years, so doesn't require maintenance. The only thing the homeowners will deal with is the dry well system. Do they extend above the ground level? Not visible, they are set 18 inches above where the bottom is set.

MOTION: Mr. Wilson makes a motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance for Bridle Spur Extension, DEP File No. 14-1031; Mr. Elliott seconded; all in favor



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2. Public Hearing [310 CMR 10.05(4)] - RDA

- **9 Valley Road, DCC File No. 2017-02**

Custom Pools represented Robert Connor, the applicant. Mr. Connors wants to install an in-ground swimming pool (20' x 40'), outside of the 25' no build zone and 35' no disturb zone, but within the 100' wetlands buffer zone. Not looking to disturb anything. The pool will be filled with salt water which is much more natural. Using cartridge filter so won't require backwashing. Mr. Splaine asked if representative is an engineer and how he was able to determine the zones. They were taken off of a GIS system, and measurements were verified. The question was raised where the drainage of pool for the fall season, before closing the pool, will be placed. A dry well will be included for this purpose. Pervious pavers will be used for the patio around the pool. Nothing will be stockpiled, everything will be taken offsite. The drainage from the French drains will also drain into the dry well.

MOTION: Mr. Elliott makes a motion for a negative determination applicability for 9 Valley Road, DCC File No. 2017-02, with the conditions that a dry well will be used for the drainage of salt water be used; Mrs. Hartnett seconded the motion; all in favor.

3. Minutes – 1/26/17

MOTION: Mr. Wilson makes a motion to approve the January 26, 2017 minutes; Mrs. Hartnett seconded; all in favor

4. Staff Updates

Mrs. Wilson distributed an invitation to workshop from the Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee. On March 2nd at 6:00pm Mrs. Wilson will be presenting a completed Open Space Plan. The state requires this plan every 7 years in order to receive state funding and federal grants.

MACC Conference is being held on Saturday, March 4th in Worcester. If any of the committee is interested in attending let Georgia know via email. Please be sure when submitting any receipts for reimbursement, that they include your name.

Conservation Commission Meeting locations for April 13th and April 27th are at the Sr. Center.

Workshop is scheduled for March 9th at 6:00pm which will cover the legislative time lines.



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Adjournment

MOTION: Mrs. Hartnett made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM; Mr. Elliott seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia Linehan
Conservation Commission Secretary