



**Minutes of
Danvers Conservation Commission
Thursday, September 14, 2017
Danvers Town Hall**

The Danvers Conservation Commission held a public meeting on Thursday, September 14, 2017, at Danvers Town Hall, Toomey Room, 1 Sylvan Street.

Members present: Chelsea King, Member
Peter Wilson, Member
Neal Waldman, Alternate Member

Staff present: Georgia Wilson, Planner
Alicia Linehan

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

1. Staff Updates

- **Thomas Dillion, Eagle Scout Project – Rail Trail stream crossing at Danvers High School.**

Thomas Dillion of 10 Lewis Lane, Lynnfield is an Eagle Scout candidate presented his project. He chose a project along the Rail Trail because his family uses it frequently. Mr. Dillion spoke to Paul McNulty of the Rail Trail Advisory, and he suggested installing a bridge to replace the debris that people are currently using as a bridge between the Rail Trail and Danvers High School. Mr. Dillion visited the site, took measurements and came up with a drawing. He also used the Swamp Walk as a reference for an idea that would work well as a bridge over the existing stream. The Rail Trail Advisory Committee is very supportive of Mr. Dillion’s project. It would clean up the area and dispose of existing pallets that are being used as a bridge. Mr. Waldman asked who would be working on this project and who would pay and supply the material. Mr. Dillion responded that he will be leading a group of other scouts from his town. The materials would be bought by the scouts through donations of Rail Trail Committee and Town of Danvers. And any materials not covered by donations, Mr. Dillion would be willing to pay for. He wasn’t able to provide the Commission with an estimate for the material, but will research and get back to them. He is hoping to work on this project by the summer of 2018. Mrs. Wilson confirmed this is in the buffer zone and had spoken to DEP. She commented that it is certainly an improvement to the existing pallets being used as a bridge. In order for this project not to become a large filing and have the least interruption to the stream, she suggested Mr. Dillion consider building an access way without pilings. Mr. Dillion had considered building a ramp, planks stretched over a long pole. However the one problem with is, one side is higher than the other side, and would require digging in order to stabilize the ramp. But it wouldn’t require digging as close to stream. It was suggested that Mr. Dillion speak with those who built the Swamp Walk, and view similar projects, one near the Sr. Center and at Endicott Park. Mrs. Wilson will review the mentioned files with Mr. Dillion. She stated that if his project had no pilings it would be a simple RDA. The question was asked if someone from the Town would oversee this area from time to time. Both Mrs. Wilson and the Rail Trail Advisory Committee would visit this site from time to time. The question was asked if this access would be used for bikes. In fact it would slow down bicyclists because they would need to carry their bikes over this access.



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2. Request for Order of Conditions Extension

- **Lot 9, 10 Bridle Spur Road; DEP File No. 14-1148**

John Morin of Morin Cameron Group represented the applicant. An order of conditions was issued in October of 2009 for the development of this lot and scheduled to expire on October of 2016. Prior to the October 2016 expiration date, Morin Cameron Group came before the Commission and was granted a 1 year extension. Lot 9 is the only lot on Bridle Spur that can be built on. The applicant is requesting a second 1 year extension on this order set to expire in October 2017. This extension will allow time for the ground to be stabilized and installation of utilities. There are no changes to what was originally approved. The question was asked if when the wall was installed. It has been in since the summer of 2017. The foundation was poured 2 weeks ago. The reason for the project being delayed was first due to the decline in the economy. Then the current owners changed their minds a few times whether or not they were going to build or sell the lot. They also experienced issues with the last contractor. They have hired a new contractor, who has moved forward with installation of the retaining wall and pouring of the foundation.

MOTION: Mr. Waldman makes a motion to issue a 1 year extension for Lot 9, 10 Bridle Spur Road, DEP File 14-1148; Ms. King seconded; all in favor

3. Request for Certificate of Compliance

- **83 Newbury Street; DEP File No. 14-1264**

Christopher Ryan of Meridian Associates represented the applicant, Shaker Auto Group. The project is redevelopment of property into an auto dealership and service center. Plan is as submitted except for a few minor details. The main deviations from the design were slight discrepancies of walkways and landscape area around the building. This is all work outside of the buffer zone but didn't affect the overall impervious area amounts. Able to balance out the approved impervious area vs landscaped area. Mr. Ryan provided the Commission with photos for Condition #82, the snow storage area. The Commission requested signage be installed in that area. And any extra snow on the property be removed. The other was condition #95, a three foot high post along the 25 foot no disturb zone. There's an existing 6 foot high chain link fence with overgrown vegetation. On other side of the fence the land falls away sharply. The Commission agreed that there needs to be signage attached to the fence. They will provide the placard which can be zip tied to the fence. The question was asked if Planning Board requested a snow storage area. Signage will state designated snow storage area and any additional snow will be removed from the site. Mr. Ryan confirmed that the storm water basin was designed to meet the DEP storm water standards.

MOTION: Ms. King makes a motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance for 83 Newbury Street, DEP File No. 14-1264; Mr. Waldman seconded; all in favor

4. Request for Certificate of Compliance

- **11 Jacobs Landing; DEP File No. 14-871 – Continued to September 28, 2017**



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5. Public Hearing [310 CMR 10.05(4)] - NOI

- 197 Newbury Street; DEP File No. 14-1299 Continued to September 28, 2017

6. Public Hearing [310 CMR 10.05(4)] – NOI

- 153 Andover Street; DEP File No. 14-1300 – Continued to September 28, 2017

7. Minutes – 7/20/17 & 8/10/17

MOTION: Ms. King makes a motion to approve the minutes for 7/20/17 & 8/10/17 meetings, Mr. Waldman seconded; all in favor

8. Staff Updates Continued

- The Dedication Ceremony of the Swamp Walk Viewing Platform in memory of Stacy Carpenter is scheduled for September 30, 2017 at 10:30am. She was involved in the development of the Swamp Walk. She was also married on the Swamp Walk. The ceremony will be followed by a lunch at Jami's Kitchen, 2 Bridge Street, Salem. All are invited to attend including the public. Please RSVP Susan Fletcher by email if attending sfletcher@danversma.gov

Adjournment

MOTION: Mr. Wilson makes a motion to adjourn at 8:30 PM; Mr. Waldman seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia Linehan
Conservation Commission Secretary