

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES

September 2, 2009

7:30 P.M.

Room 206, Town Hall

Acting Chairman Flaherty called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Commission Members Present: Craig Flaherty; Susan Cameron, Michael Tone, Rick Rohr, and Pete Kenyon

Staff Present: Richard Jacobson

Court Reporter: Bonnie Syat

Mr. Flaherty called the following agenda item:

EPC-27-2009, Timothy and Diana Welch, 181 Hoyt Street, proposing house construction within an upland review area. The site is shown on Assessor's Map #29 as Lot #3.

Doug Divesta, P.E. and Aleksandra Moch represented the applicant.

The Commission discussed the additional information required for a public hearing including additional plantings, flagging trees to be removed and the location and discharge quantity of any sump pump if required. Mr. Flaherty asked Mr. Divesta to consider the position of the drainage system near a slope and be prepared to discuss any potential long term impacts and alternatives and any potential impacts on the adjacent watercourse that overflows onto Hoyt Street in heavy rains.

Ms. Cameron made a motion to schedule a public hearing as being in the public interest. Mr. Tone seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Flaherty called the next agenda item:

EPC-22-2009, Sharathchandra Pahkanth, 2 Harriett Lane, proposing to pave gravel driveway. The site is shown on Assessor's Map #36 as Lot #22.

No one was present to represent the applicant. The item was continued to October 7

Mr. Flaherty called the next agenda item:

EPC-23-2009, Malcolm and Edna MacLean, 5 Driftway Lane, proposing an addition within the upland review area. The site is shown on Assessor's Map #65 as Lot #22.

Arthur Rutowski, contractor, represented the applicant.

The Commission requested additional detail regarding the proposed grading and filling, proposed elevations and planting.

The Commission continued this item to October 7.

Mr. Flaherty called the next agenda item:

EPC-24-2009, Douglas and Amanda Craig, 129 West Avenue, proposing a house addition within an upland review area. The site is shown on Map#39 as Lot #100.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig and Richard Wood, Architect represented themselves. Mrs. Craig described the proposed additions and the wetland map change.

Mr. Flaherty noted that the soil scientist did not find wetlands within 50 feet of any activity.

Ms. Cameron made a motion to approve the application and map amendment. Mr. Tone seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Flaherty called the next agenda item:

EPC-25-2009, Jean Cambridge, 19 Renshaw Road, proposing fence construction within an upland review area. The site is shown on Assessor's Map #41 as Lot #89.

Ms. Cambridge represented herself. She described the proposed fence she is requesting.

Ms. Cameron said she would insure the method of installation will prevent the fence from becoming an obstruction.

Mr. Flaherty said the movement of the floodwaters could move the fence. The Commission discussed the need for more details on the method of construction and alternative designs.

The Commission continues this item to allow Ms. Cambridge to consider the Commission's suggestions.

Mr. Flaherty called the next agenda item:

EPC-26-2009, William and Peggy Atwell, 10 Cross Road, proposing invasive plant removal and replanting with native species. The site is shown on Assessor's Map #65 as Lot #2.

Woody Oldrin, Landscaper, describe the proposed re-landscaping adjacent to the intermittent stream.

Ms. Cameron asked about removing the large Norway Maple. Mr. Oldrin said that, at the present time, the tree provides screening which they would like to maintain.

Mr. Kenyon made a motion to approve the application. Ms. Cameron seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Flaherty called the next agenda item:

EPC-28-2009, Karen and Paul Clifford, 16 Linda Lane, proposing a pool fence and terrace within an upland review area. The site is shown on Assessor's Map #9 as Lot #98.

Mr. and Ms. Clifford represented themselves. Ms. Clifford described the project and provided photos.

The Commission noted that the pool location is outside the upland review area and the proposed encroachments of the fence and pool equipment are minor.

Mr. Rohr requested a silt fence in a location to be determined by staff.

Ms. Cameron made a motion to approve the application with the addition of a silt fence. Mr. Tone seconded the application and it passed 4-0. Mr. Flaherty abstained.

Mr. Flaherty called the next agenda item:

EPC-29-2009, Nigel and Ghislaine Longton, 41 Delafield Island Road, proposing an addition and patio within an upland review area. The site is shown on Assessor's Map #64 as Lot #86.

Mr. Rohr was recused for this application.

Scott Duffield, Architect, represented the applicant. He described the proposed additions and the wetland buffer planting already done by Round Meadow Landscaping. He said, because of the location of the property in the lower portion of the watershed, they are not providing stormwater detention.

Mr. Flaherty requested that, because the increase in impervious coverage is greater than 1000 square feet, that a request for waiving storm water detention should be made which includes an written explanation with the rationale for a waiver.

The Commission continued the application to October 7 to allow the applicant to address the stormwater runoff.

Mr. Flaherty called the next agenda item:

EPC-30, 2009, Robert K. Biggart, 10 Peterick Lane, proposing pavement removal and landscaping within an upland review area. The site is shown on Assessor's Map #9 as Lot #13-C

Ms. Cameron was recused for this application.

Sara McCool represented the applicant. She described the removal of the pavement, Forsythia hedge, and re-planting of the upland review area with native species.

Mr. Kenyon asked that the silt fence be extended across the entire length of the pond.

Mr. Flaherty made a motion to approve the application with the modification to the silt fence. Mr. Kenyon seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

Mr. Flaherty called the next agenda item:

EPC-31, 2009, Robert G. and Jacqueline Leonard, 373 Brookside Road, proposing terrace construction in the upland review area a footing drain discharge, and installation of a geothermal pipe system within the regulated area. The site is shown on Assessor's Map #1 as Lot #108.

Mr. Rohr was recused for this application.

Lance Zimmerman, Architect, represented the applicant. He described the request to install footing drains directed to the pond. He said they are installing a small area of patio within the upland review area but they are proposing a rain garden for the entire increase in impervious surface. He said he proposed a pipe discharge for the rain garden or a riprap overflow to the existing swale.

It was the consensus of the Commission that the rip rap overflow to the swale would be preferable.

The Commission discussed the proposal for the Geothermal heat plates and the need for additional information describing the installation and any long term environmental impacts. The Commission may determine a public hearing would be in the public interest to allow the public and other owners of the pond an opportunity to comment on the proposal.

The applicant requested the Commission allow the withdrawal of the portion of the application concerning the geothermal units to allow them to re-submit with more details.

Ms. Cameron made a motion to approve the portion of the application concerning the footing drains and the rain garden with the overland rip rap overflow. Mr. Flaherty seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

The Commission discussed the following items of other business:

Conservation Commission review, and possible comment to DEP, re: proposed dock permit application by Ann Lunn, 9 Contentment Island Road.

The Commission discussed the letter from Jeremy Ginsberg to the DEP. Ms. Cameron will draft a letter to the DEP outlining the Commission's concerns.

EPC 49-2005 Shanahan, 54 Sunswyck Road, request from Wilder G. Gleason, Esq. for two year extension.

Mr. Rohr was recused for this item. Ms. Cameron made a motion to approve a two year extension. Mr. Tone seconded the motion and passed 4-0.

P&Z Commission referrals

The Commission did not have comments for the Planning & Zoning Commission regarding 305-309 Middlesex Road, 157 Long Neck Point Road or 397 Boston Post Road.

Minutes of previous meeting: July 1, 2009

Ms. Cameron made a motion to approve the minutes of July 1 as amended. Mr. Kenyon seconded the motion and it passed 4-0. Mr. Flaherty abstained.

Mr. Kenyon made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Tone seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard B. Jacobson  
Environmental Protection Officer