

Newbury Conservation Commission - Public Meeting Minutes
January 2, 2024

Members Present:

- ☐ Bob Connors (Chair)
- ☐ Mary Rimmer (Vice Chair)
- ☐ Woody Knight (Planning Board Liaison)
- ☐ Brad Duffin
- ☐ Dianne O'Brien
- ☐ Mick Brown
- ☐ TJ Conte
- ☐ Samantha Holt (Agent)

6:01 p.m. Meeting Called to Order

- Opening remarks from Conservation Agent Samantha Holt

EXTENSION PERMIT

Newman Road/Old Town Hill (DEP File #050-1303) Trustees of Reservations (Applicant)

- Exhibits: Order of Conditions for Newman Road/Old Town Hill with attachments

Samantha Holt presents a request for an Extension Permit and outlines the project and the work completed to date. Commission members discussed the request, no questions were raised. ***Motion by Brad Duffin to issue a three-year extension; seconded by Woody Knight; vote 4:0:1 (Mary Rimmer abstained).***

REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY

150 Main Street (File #NCC-434) Bill True (Applicant)

- Exhibits: Request for Determination of Applicability for 150 Main Street with attachments

Samantha Holt presented the outstanding information that was requested at the previous meeting and confirmed it was provided. ***Motion by TJ Conte to issue a negative Determination of Applicability for septic upgrade; seconded by Brad Duffin; vote 5:0:0***

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3 33rd Street (DEP File #050-1386) Bethany Quinn (Applicant)

- Exhibits: Notice of Intent for 3 33rd Street with attachments

The Applicant has requested a continuance. ***Motion by Brad Duffin to continue the hearing to 6:00 PM on 1/16/2024; seconded by TJ Conte; vote 5:0:0.***

62 Middle Road (DEP File #050-1419) Henry Burton (Applicant)

- Exhibits: Notice of Intent for 62 Middle Road with attachments

Samantha Holt presents an NOI for work to construct a new septic system and resurface the existing driveway. Ms. Holt confirmed with the Applicant's representative that the septic design was approved by the Board of Health. ***Motion by Brad Duffin to issue an Order of Conditions approval with the standard special conditions; seconded by TJ Conte; vote 5:0:0.***

ADMINISTRATION

Samantha Holt presented correspondence received from DeRosa Environmental regarding proposed paving work on Pine Island Road and at the town boat launch on High Road. The work is technically exempt and does not need to be permitted, however representatives from DeRosa have asked if the Commission would like to have the work

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come in as an RDA to officially approve it to be completed under an exemption. Commission members discussed the work and agreed that they would like to see plans and additional information on the work prior to making a decision.

Samantha Holt also presented information on the recent proposals for updates to modify the WPA regulations and the 401 Water Quality Certification regulations. Commission members discussed the proposal as well as the timeline for information sessions, public comment sessions, and the deadline for public comments.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha Holt, Conservation Agent