

Newbury Conservation Commission - Public Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2020

Members Present:

- ☒ Doug Packer (Chair, Agent)
- ☒ Brian Colleran (Co-Chair) (arrived late)
- ☒ Peter Paicos (Planning Board Liaison)
- ☐ Ben Gahagan
- ☐ Bill Lord
- ☒ Dan Streeter
- ☒ Kevin Stromski

7:00 p.m. Meeting Called to Order

PUBLIC HEARINGS

14th Street Emergency Access Town of Newbury (Applicant)

A continued Notice of Intent to improve the right of way and construct an emergency access driveway. The Applicant has requested a continuance. Recommendation from Mr. Packer to continue the hearing on February 18, 2020 following re-advertisement of the project. Motion by Dan Streeter to continue the hearing as discussed; seconded by Peter Paicos; vote 4:0:0.

181 High Road (RDA) Charlotte Comparone & Bruce Folsom (Applicants)

A continued Request for Determination of Applicability for work to resurface the existing parking areas with crushed asphalt. Seeing no one present to represent the Applicant, Mr. Packer recommended a continuance to the February 18, 2020 meeting. Motion by Dan Streeter to continue the hearing as discussed; seconded by Peter Paicos; vote 4:0:0

15 Plummers Lane (RDA) Thomas Knight (Applicant)

A Request for Determination of Applicability for work to resurface the existing gravel driveway with like materials. The representative stated they intend to only use crushed stone, and Mr. Packer noted that, should they need to use gravel, they will need to install erosion control. Motion by Dan Streeter to issue a negative Determination of Applicability; seconded by Kevin Stromski; vote 4:0:0.

11 54th Street (RDA) Deb Rosenbloom (Applicant)

A Request for Determination of Applicability for work to install a generator on a concrete pad. Ms. Rosenbloom and her representative outline the project, including the need for a concrete pad. Mr. Packer requested that if the concrete wasn't mechanically necessary, that the generator be installed on posts instead. Motion by Dan Streeter to issue a negative Determination of Applicability with requested changes; seconded by Peter Paicos; vote 4:0:0.

2 Northern Boulevard (RDA) George Colouras (Applicant)

A Request for Determination of Applicability for work to repair exterior damage resulting from a car accident. Mr. Colouras outlined the incident, damage done, and plans for repair. Motion by Kevin Stromski to issue a negative Determination of Applicability; seconded by Peter Paicos; vote 4:0:0.

Please Note: Brian Colleran arrived shortly after the following hearing began.

131 Newburyport Turnpike (DEP File #050-1315) William DiFrancesco (Applicant)

A Notice of Intent to construct four self-storage buildings with associated paved driveways and stormwater management controls. Mr. DiFrancesco and his representative outlined the project and plans. The Applicant also discussed the proposed stormwater management practices and plans. Commission members had the opportunity to ask questions and get clarification on several aspects of the proposed work. Mr. Packer requested that the Applicant develop a clearer narrative outlining the plans for short- and long-term use of space as well as additional information regarding maintenance of the stormwater management practices. Mr. Packer also made

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recommendations regarding the erosion control silt fencing and sock. Motion by Dan Streeter to continue the hearing until 7:00 p.m. on 2/18/2020; seconded by Peter Paicos; vote 5:0:0.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION ITEMS

Certificates of Compliance

6 Northern Boulevard (DEP File #050-995) Mark Farrell (Applicant)

A request for a complete Certificate of Compliance. Mr. Packer advised that this project file does not exist, it was destroyed as a result of flood damage, and he has no memory as to what the project was. He was able to locate an expired Order of Conditions for this property that included restoration of 1200 square feet of dune grass. Upon inspection of the property, Mr. Packer noted that there is currently no dune grass on the property and believes there hasn't been for quite some time. Mr. Packer advised the Applicant that the work must be completed before a complete Certificate could be issued, and the Applicant then requested a partial Certificate. Mr. Packer made the recommendation to issue a partial Certificate and keep the mitigation planting portion of the project open. Motion by Brian Colleran to issue a partial Certificate of Compliance with the condition that a Notice of Intent must be filed for the restoration work to be completed; seconded by Dan Streeter; vote 5:0:0

Extension Permits

12 6th Street (DEP File #050-1228) Robin Gurski (Applicant)

A request to extend the Order of Conditions expiration date. Mr. Packer advised that there have been no changes to any regulations or by-laws since the approval. Motion by Dan Streeter to issue the extension; seconded by Peter Paicos; vote 5:0:0

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.