

Newbury Conservation Commission - Public Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2021

Members Present:

- ☒ Brian Colleran (Chair)
- ☒ Benjamin Gahagan (Co-Chair)
- ☒ Peter Paicos (Planning Board Liason)
- ☐ Mary Rimmer
- ☐ Brad Duffin
- ☒ Dan Streeter
- ☒ Frank Wetenkamp
- ☒ Samantha Holt (Agent)

12:16 p.m. Meeting Called to Order

- Opening remarks from Commission Chair Brian Colleran

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

This special meeting of the Newbury Conservation Commission was held to allow for Commission discussion of the Notice of Intent for the Villages at Cricket Lane. This Notice of Intent was submitted to propose construction of 24 single-family homes with 800 feet of roadway, common septic system, water and sewer lines, and a stormwater management system. The roadway includes limited wetland crossing, wetland filling, and wetland replication with work in the Buffer Zone. The public hearing for this project was closed during the meeting of the Newbury Conservation Commission on November 2, 2021. There was discussion among the Commission to outline concerns regarding this project. These concerns included the following: 1) work within the 100' Buffer Zone to the 'D' and 'VP' series wetlands; 2) protection of the 'A' series wetland and the Vernal Pool within its boundary; 3) extensive Buffer Zone work; and 4) insufficient information, refusal to redesign any aspect of the project to protect the interests of the Wetlands Protection Act, refusal to answer questions, provision of insufficient answers, and insufficient time for review.

The public hearing for this project was closed on November 2, 2021, and as such this meeting was not open to any public comment.

Motion by Peter Paicos to deny this project; amended and seconded by Ben Gahagan to deny the project for failure to protect the interests and meet the performance standards of the Wetlands Protection Act, and failure to provide information requested by the Commission; vote 4:0:0

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Samantha Holt, Conservation Agent