

**BEDFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**March 27, 2013**  
**Selectmen's Conference Room**  
**Town Hall, Bedford, MA**

**PRESENT:** Tim Gray, Chair; Steven Hagan, Vice-Chair; Lori Eggert; Art Smith; Allan Wirth; Andreas Uthoff  
Elizabeth Bagdonas, Conservation Administrator; Stephanie Ide, Conservation Department Assistant

**ABSENT:** John Willson, Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Gray read the Public Record Statement as approved by Town Counsel on 9/10/12.

**Eagle Scout Project: Evan Vient**

Mr. Evan Vient was present before the Commission to discuss his proposed Eagle Scout project. Mr. Vient stated that he would like to construct five bluebird houses in the Little Meadow Conservation Area. Ms. Bagdonas stated that Mr. Vient will be working within the 100-foot buffer to bordering vegetated wetland. Mr. Smith suggested that Mr. Vient install the poles that the birdhouses will be attached to by driving them into the ground to minimize disturbance to the ground. Mr. Smith offered to lend Mr. Vient the equipment for installation. A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Uthoff to approve the Eagle Scout project using the pole installation method discussed therefore eliminating necessity for a Request for Determination of Applicability. The motion passed 6-0-0.

Mr. Vient requested that the Commission fund his project in the amount of \$150.00. It will cost approximately \$25.00 per birdhouse. A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Hagan to grant \$75.00 towards the cost of Mr. Vient's project to be taken from the Conservation Fund. The motion passed 5-0-1, with Mr. Gray voting against stating that he believes the Commission should fund the entire project.

**The Edge:**

Ms. Mary Trudeau was present before the Commission on behalf of Mr. DeVellis to discuss site issues at the Edge. Ms. Trudeau reviewed her Environmental Report with the Commission. She stated that the crew is working on erosion and sedimentation control issues this week. The Silt fence and hay bales have been rebuilt but that the catch basin still needs to be lined. The biggest issue on site is runoff; which needs to be controlled to improve water quality. The use of additional flocculent logs within each discharge point and stream channel would help as the flocculent logs are used to attract sediment. Ms. Bagdonas stated that a list of all issues needs to be submitted, a site visit needs to occur and if necessary an Enforcement Order needs to be issued. The standard that needs to be met is that there should

be no impact to Elm Brook. Ms. Bagdonas and Ms. Trudeau will work on developing a list and set up a site visit to occur next week with Mr. DeVellis present. Ms. Bagdonas recommended that the Commission hire Mr. Bob Hartzel of GeoSyntec as their consultant for the Edge.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Uthoff to approve the hiring of GeoSyntec to be paid for from the filing fees account. The motion passed 6-0-0.

*Allan Wirth recused himself.*

### **Continuation of Public Hearing – Amendment to the Order of Conditions #103-0691: 1 Lavender Lane**

Ms. Mary Trudeau and Mr. Anthony Nardelli were present before the Commission to continue the discussion on changes to the work that was originally proposed at 1 Lavender Lane, Bedford, MA, formerly 350 Concord Road, Lot 3. The proposed project revisions include a retaining wall previously constructed without approval, a pervious driveway and pervious patio which would replace a previously planned deck. Ms. Bagdonas stated that she has received the Declaration of Restrictions for the Stormwater Management System. Ms. Bagdonas explained the site issues regarding the proposed rain gardens to the Commission and stated that the rain gardens can not be constructed with the infiltration chambers beneath them. The Commission discussed obtaining a site plan of lot 3 and 2 together showing the rain gardens on the plan. Once the Commission has received said plan it would then be in a position to issue the Amendment to the Order of Conditions for 1 Lavender Lane. The hearing was postponed to an undetermined date in the spring.

### **Request for Determination of Applicability: 2 Alcott Street**

A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the public notice. The motion passed 6-0-0. Ms. Linda Hocker was present before the Commission to discuss the proposed removal of two trees, stump grinding, the removal of various bushes and vines, landscaping and the replacement of a deck within the 100-foot buffer zone to bordering vegetated wetland and the removal of one tree within bordering vegetated wetland. Ms. Hocker stated that the Elm tree, located on the neighbor's property, is completely dead. Ms. Hocker also stated that she has her neighbor's permission to remove the dead tree. Ms. Bagdonas explained that the regrading of the front lawn is close to the 100-year floodplain and asked that the floodplain be staked.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Uthoff to issue a negative Determination for reason three and a positive Determination for reason five with the following conditions:

1. There shall be no stump grinding or vehicles used within the wetland.
2. The 100-year floodplain shall be staked as the limit of landscaping.
3. The Conservation office shall be notified of the date and time of tree removal and lawn work.
4. The Conservation Administrator shall meet with the contractors prior to the start of work.

The motion passed 6-0-0, after which the Determination was signed.

### **Election of Officers:**

A motion was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Mr. Uthoff to nominate Mr. Steven Hagan for Chair of the Conservation Commission. The motion passed 5-0-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Ms. Eggert to nominate Mr. John Willson for Vice-Chair of the Conservation Commission. The motion passed 6-0-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Ms. Eggert to nominate Mr. Allan Wirth for Clerk of the Conservation Commission. The motion passed 5-0-0.

### **Appointments to Huckins Farm:**

A motion was made by Mr. Wirth and seconded by Mr. Gray to appoint Mr. Uthoff and Mr. Smith as delegates of the Conservation Commission to the Huckins Farm Committee. The motion passed 6-0-0.

### **Hanscom Field: Perimeter Road Project Change**

Ms. Bagdonas stated that Massport will not be paving the perimeter road as previously approved by the Commission in the Order of Conditions, DEP#103-0725. Massport will still be going forward with a reduction in impervious surface but not as much as was proposed. A motion was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Mr. Uthoff to accept this as a minor change, not requiring an Amendment to the Order. The motion passed 6-0-0.

### **285 Great Road: Travel Lodge**

A motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. Eric Gerardi as the Environmental Site supervisor for the Travel Lodge Site. The motion passed 6-0-0.

### **Minutes:**

A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Ms. Eggert approve the minutes of March 13, 2013. The motion passed 6-0-0.

*A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Ms. Eggert to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 6-0-0, adjourning the meeting.*

*Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.*

*Minutes prepared by Stephanie Ide.*

*Minutes approved at meeting of April 24, 2013.*