

**Carlisle Conservation Commission**  
**January 9, 2020**  
**Minutes**

Pursuant to the notice filed with the Town Clerk, Vice Chair Angie Verge called the meeting to order in the Clark Room at the Town Hall at 7:10 p.m. Also present were Commissioners Melinda Lindquist, Lee Tatistcheff and Helen Young and Conservation Administrator Sylvia Willard. Chair Dan Wells and Commissioners Ken Belitz and Alex Parra were not present.

**Land Use Permit:** *Tatistcheff moved to issue a Land Use Permit to Marlies Henderson of Hike Beautiful Billerica Outing Group sponsor a **hiking trip on the Greenough Conservation Land** on Saturday, January 11, 2020 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Lindquist seconded and the motion passed unanimously.*

**Enforcement Order:**

**Arrowhead Lane: (125-1018), (125-1017), (125-1020):** A report has been submitted by LSP Richard Doherty of Engineering & Consulting Resources, Inc., with the soil testing results indicating no moving contaminants were found. The developer is in the process of addressing the outstanding erosion control deficiencies.

**7:15 p.m. (DOA-361) Request for Determination of Applicability, Continued Meeting**

**Applicant: Vintage Builders, Inc.**

**Project Location: 901 Concord Street, Map 4 Parcel 3-0 Lot 2**

**Project Description: Construction of a single-family dwelling and appurtenances outside the 100-foot Buffer Zone**

*Verge opened the continued meeting under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Carlisle Wetlands Protection Bylaw and requested a motion to continue to January 23, 2020 at 7:15 p.m. at the applicant's request. The motion was moved by Tatistcheff, seconded by Lindquist and approved unanimously.*

**7:16 p.m. (DEP 125-1085) Abbreviated Notice of Resource Delineation, Continued Hearing**

**Applicant: Chris Buono, All Things Real Estate**

**Project Location: 0 South Street, Map 5 Lots 54 and 56**

**Project Description: Review of 6,500 feet of Bordering Vegetated Wetland Resource Area Delineation**

*Verge opened the continued hearing under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Carlisle Wetlands Protection Bylaw.*

Brian Goudeau of Hancock Associates was present to discuss the schedule for moving forward with the peer review of the wetland delineation. He noted the delineation had been fully vetted through a peer review done by Dr. John Rockwood of EcoTec, Inc. and an ORAD issued in 2018, which has now expired. He said that while they believe Willard would be an invaluable resource in participating in the peer review given her familiarity with the property, they are hoping the Commission will allow them to schedule with Rockwood as soon as possible if field conditions are conducive, whether or not Willard can participate due to a recent injury.

Verge said the Commission would be more comfortable having Willard present for the peer review given the size of the property and her familiarity with the site. Willard noted the owners had an opportunity to undergo a peer review last spring after the missing flags were replaced by survey, but they chose not to move forward at that time, prior to the expiration of the ORAD in June. She also reported Chair Dan Wells, who is a wetland scientist by profession, relayed to her that he does not believe now is a good time to do the wetland review due to field conditions. Tatistcheff said she had every confidence in Dr. Rockwood's judgement in determining if weather conditions preclude moving forward with the peer review and said she did not see any reason to prevent the applicant from moving forward in determining Dr. Rockwood's availability. The Commission ultimately approved the applicant's request to schedule the peer review, weather dependent.

*Tatistcheff moved to continue the hearing to January 23, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. with the representative's approval. Lindquist seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.*

**FY21 Budget:**

**Cranberry Bog Maintenance Plan:** Willard reported that FinCom Chair Victor Liang has recommended the \$5,000 requested in the Commission's General Fund budget for a NOI filing for a Cranberry Bog Maintenance Plan would be more appropriately funded through a Warrant Article request since it is a one-time expense. The FinCom's letter showing their recommended budget did not include the \$5,000 for the Cranberry Bog NOI.

**Staffing Requests:**

BOS liaison Luke Ascolillo has communicated their preference that the requested wage increases be funded through a revised fee schedule. The Commission had discussed the potential of an 8% increase at their previous meeting and they are now proposing a 17% increase based on wage increases since the fee schedule was last revised in 2012. A public hearing on the proposed revision has been scheduled for January 23, 2020.

**7:33 p.m. (DEP 125-1084) Notice of Intent, Continued Hearing**

**Applicant: Hutokshi Gimi**

**Project Location: 41 Hanover Road**

**Project Description: Construction of a new single-family home, including tree removal, grading, installation of a roof drywell and construction of stone walls with work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland.**

*Verge opened the continued meeting under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Carlisle Wetlands Protection Bylaw.*

Kurtis Platteel of Stamski and McNary provided an overview of the proposed project for those members not present at the previous hearing in order to achieve a quorum. He provided a revised plan dated January 3, 2020 based on comments at the previous hearing, that includes the addition of monuments at the three points where the extent of the work is closest to the wetland.

*Verge requested a motion to close the hearing for DEP 125-1084. The motion was moved by Tatistcheff, seconded by Lindquist and was approved unanimously. Tatistcheff moved to issue a Standard Order of Conditions, Lindquist seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.*

**Native Plant Special Condition and Tree Removal Policy:** The discussion was deferred to the next meeting when all members can be present.

**Annual Town Report 2019:** In process; due February 21, 2020

**Open Space and Recreation Plan Update:** The OS&R Committee has begun the revision with work on identifying the data that will be required. The Committee will be holding two public ranking sessions in March, during which private properties of ten acres or more will be considered based on ranking criteria including potential future recreational uses, rare/significant wildlife and plant species habitat, and proximity to existing protected lands.

The Commission will continue discussing potential revisions to their 2013 Seven Year Action Plan at their next meeting.

**Conservation Land Management:**

**Greenough Dam Repair - Grant Application Status:** Willard reported she is in the process of revising the Environmental Bond Bill grant request letter to the EOEEA for this project. She is also investigating an avenue of funding that has come to light through the Flood Hazard Management Program with the next round of funding disbursements to be determined in the spring. .

**Committee Liaison Reports:**

**Cranberry Bog Working Group:** The previously scheduled January 22, 2020 public meeting will be postponed indefinitely until such time the CBWG has obtained additional information on the recently identified alternative of Restoration with a Maintenance Plan, including potential ongoing maintenance costs and permitting requirements.

Young noted the preliminary results of the Cranberry Bog Survey reveal the most frequent users are dog walkers, who oppose agriculture because of the use of herbicides. She also reported respondents also value diversity of wildlife habitat.

7:52 p.m. *Tatistcheff moved to adjourn, Lindquist seconded, motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Hopkins  
Administrative Assistant

**All document discussed can be in the Office of the Conservation Commission upon request**