



**Minutes of  
Danvers Conservation Commission  
Thursday, February 26, 2015  
Danvers Town Hall**

The Danvers Conservation Commission held a public meeting on Thursday, February 26, 2015, at the Danvers Town Hall, Daniel J. Toomey Hearing Room, located at One Sylvan Street, Danvers, MA 01923.

**Members present:** Michael Splaine, Vice Chairman  
Bill Glynn, Member  
Matthew Lallier, Member

**Members absent:** Jeffrey Cary, Chairman  
Neal Waldman, Member

**Staff present:** Kristan Farr, Planner  
Christine Marshall, Secretary

Mr. Splaine opened the Conservation Commission meeting at 7:02 p.m. with a reading of the "Commission Statement."

**Request for Certificate of Compliance**

- **3 Colgate Street, DEP File No. 14-864**

Cory Walker, son of the applicant, represented James Walker and explained the addition to their home was completed over a decade ago. Ms. Farr has visited the site. Mr. Glynn made a motion to issue the Certificate of Compliance; Mr. Lallier seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

**Request for Certificate of Compliance**

- **8 Brentwood Circle; DEP File No. 14-893**

Kristen LeDuc was present. The addition to their home was completed in 2002. Ms. Farr has reviewed this project. Mr. Lallier made a motion to issue the Certificate of Compliance; Mr. Glynn seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

**Continued Public Hearing – Notice of Intent**

- **42 Centre Street; DEP File No. 14-1255**

John Morin from the Morin-Cameron Group was present, representing Jennifer and Eric Keifer. At the last meeting, the Commission had asked for the date of the wetland delineation to be added to the plan (this was done/added to the plan); which was on September 5, 2014. The wetland delineation was completed by Bill Manuell. Mr. Morin described the changes in the plan, which included the infiltration trench of one and one-half feet and approximately two feet deep, at a minimum. Mr. Morin also described the four foot wrought iron fence, infiltration trench, planting bed, and lawn area. Mr. Lallier



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asked again about flipping the plan in order to be further away from the 100 foot buffer zone. Mr. Morin explained the privacy issue and that the spa is approximately 65 feet from edge of wetland. Mr. Glynn made a motion to close the public hearing and issue an Order of Conditions with the abridged plan revised on February 15, 2015; Mr. Lallier seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

**Public Hearing – Notice of Intent**

- **I-95 and US1; DEP File No. 14-125\_\_**

Annie Bastoni, Mass DOT; Mark Costa, Civil Engineer from VHB; and Siona Patisteas, Senior Wetland Scientist from VHB presented the project.

Ms. Bastoni discussed the state-wide impaired waters program and the impaired water body is Beaver Brook. The DOT is looking throughout the state to improve direct discharges, and remove pollutants from the roadway before discharging into the water body. This area of Route 95 and Route 1 from Centre Street to Route 62 is impaired for dissolved oxygen.

Mr. Costa described the project area of Route 95 and Route 1 from Centre Street to Route 62 and Beaver Brook. He also discussed the study of Beaver Brook and the area of 120 acres conducted by Mass DOT and VHB. The Town Engineer raised issue with the flooding culvert, page 11 or 12 of the plan. This project will call for the culvert to be cleaned. The flows going into the culvert are mostly from the Town of Danvers, and only about one acre of DOT property goes into the culvert. Ms. Bastoni explained how this area was chosen based on the study of Beaver Brook not meeting water quality criteria and the DEP has it listed as impaired. The Commission asked about the scope of the work and Mr. Costa described the five infiltration storm basins, nine infiltration trenches, and four infiltration swales, which total 6,000 linear feet. Mr. Costa also explained improvements to drainage ditches or low areas and on and off ramps. Maintenance will be required annually. Ms. Bastoni explained that they are all on Mass DOT property and Mass DOT will be responsible for insuring that they are functioning properly.

The Commission asked where the affected wetlands are. Ms. Patisteas discussed the wetland areas in the vicinity of Beaver Brook, as well as the work of scraping and grading existing swales and drains. There are vegetated trenches within the 100 foot buffer zone. The plan includes upgrading approximately 50 catch basins. There was discussion about concrete swales, which are outside the project limits, which will remain.

Mr. Glynn commended the DOT for making improvements and thinks it is a good project. The Commission asked about input from the Town Engineer, and Mr. Costa discussed his conversation with the Town Engineer. The Town Engineer had two concerns, one with an abutter to the property and one system which a solution was talked about and will be revised on the plan. The Commission would like a written memo from the Town Engineer and a response from Mr. Costa. Mr. Lallier asked about why



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this came up now and not two years ago, and Ms. Bastoni explained that DEP is not forcing them to do this and it is part of the impaired waters program. Ms. Bastoni explained that the project would be 80% federally funded and 20% funding from Mass DOT. Ms. Farr asked about the timeline, and they would be looking to start the project in the Spring of 2016. The Commission would need time to review the plan, and have asked representatives to come back to answer further questions at the next meeting. Ms. Pasisteas and Mr. Costa would be available to answer any questions at the March 12, 2015 meeting.

Mr. Glynn made a motion to continue the Public Hearing to March 12, 2015; Mr. Lallier seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes** – Mr. Glynn made a motion to approve the minutes of February 12, 2015; Mr. Lallier seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

**New Business** – The Conservation Commission is now a five member board with two alternates. The two alternate member positions are vacant.

Mr. Lallier made a motion to adjourn at 7:32 PM; Mr. Glynn seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Marshall  
Conservation Commission Secretary