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Town of Wellesley Wetlands Protection Committee (WPC) Meeting Minutes April 1st, 2021

Meeting Location:
Online Meeting

Voted to Approve 4/22/21

Members Present: Richard Howell, Chair; Peter Jones, Vice Chair; John Adams, Secretary; Jim McLaren; Ellie McLane

Members Not Present:

Staff Present: Julie Meyer, Wetlands Administrator (WA)

Guests: Mary Trudeau, Nash Quadir, Peter Glick, Peter Glick, Kristen Olsen, Glenn Remick, John Rich, Brian Paradee, Brian Nelson, Diane Simonelli, David Silverstein, David Coletta, William Shribman, Leigh Ozdemir, Ersin Ozdemir, Kevin O'Leary, Ken Wagner

6:30 pm - Official Start

6:30 pm Administrative Business (Admin)

1. Ellie McLane was welcomed as the newest full-time member of the Wetlands Protection Committee.
2. Pete Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from 3/11/2021. Ellie McLane seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.
3. Public meeting procedures were provided to the board. Ellie McLane made a motion to accept the public meeting procedures. Pete Jones seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

6:45 pm Active Matters (Admin)

1. **66 Walnut St:** The National Grid pipeline work will begin under the Amended Order of Conditions in April. One of the town trails will be closed during the time of work.
2. **Algonquin Proposal:** There will be a meeting next week with Algonquin and town staff for Algonquin to present details of the plans.
3. **21 Greylock Rd:** An Administrative after-the-fact Approval for dewatering was granted.

4. **Greylock Rd drainage easement:** The WA visited 21 Greylock Rd to inspect dewatering system for the 21 Greylock Rd construction (MA-DEP #324-0960). The hose is emptying clear groundwater into the adjacent unnamed stream, bypassing the part of the stream that was not flowing well due to leaf debris and algae; erosion and sediment controls are in place. The DPW requested approval to remove leaf debris and algae and the WA recommended approving this request via the active Brook Cleaning and Maintenance OOC (MA-DEP #324-0856). The permit requires a 4-week advance notification process.
5. **79 Woodside Av:** The WA approved a tree removal that was about to fall from public NRC land.
6. **NRC Tree Planting at Fuller Brook:** The WA gave an Administrative Approval for the NRC to plant a variety of native trees along Fuller Brook within the Buffer Zone to fill in open areas left open from past weather events. these plantings. The WPC advised the plantings should avoid banks.
7. **MWRA Metropolitan Water Tunnel Program:** MWRA is planning to build a water transfer tunnel. There is a public comment period open for the next 26 days. The actual work will include construction in areas still to be determined; the actual work not take place for multiple years.

7:00 pm Public Meeting Open (Chair)

Public Voice (Chair)

Richard Howell read ground rules for the call. Ellie McLane shared that she saw some tarps secured by bungee cords at Boulder Brook Reservation and was curious if someone was camping there.

7:00 pm Public Hearings and Meetings (Committee)

1. John Adams made a motion to delegate signatures of the Wetland Protection Committee (WPC) to the WA for this meeting. Jim McLaren seconded the motion and it was approved by a 5-0 vote.
2. **1-2 Lake Road** (cont. NOI) - MA-DEP #324-0972 – Applicant: Town of Wellesley Water & Sewer Dept.; upgrade of sewer ejector within BZ.
People Present: none
New Information: The DEP number was provided to the WPC.
Decision: Ellie McLane made a motion to close the hearing and the project under both the Wetlands Protection Act and the Wellesley Wetlands Protection Bylaw. Pete Jones seconded the motion and it passed by a 5-0 vote.
Action Items: WA to issue the OOC.
3. **Mica Ln** (cont. NOI) - MA-DEP #324-0971 - Applicant: Town of Wellesley Water & Sewer Dept.; rehabilitate and replace sewer main within RFA.
People Present: none
New Information: The DEP number was provided to the WPC.
Decision: Jim McLaren made a motion to close the hearing and the project under both the Wetlands Protection Act and the Wellesley Wetlands Protection Bylaw. Ellie McLane seconded the motion and it passed by a 5-0 vote.
Action Items: WA to issue the OOC.
4. **1 Sunnyside Ave** (reopened NOI) - MA-DEP #324-0968 – Applicant: N. Quadir; previously approved OOC to be reopened due to incomplete abutter notification. Approved work included the removal of 2 sheds from the 25-foot No-Disturbance Zone; foundation repair work on existing house; and existing driveway resurfacing and drainage improvement.
People Present: Mary Trudeau, Nash Quadir
New Information: The proper abutters had been notified.

Decision: Ellie McLane made a motion to close the hearing and the project under both the Wetlands Protection Act and the Wellesley Wetlands Protection Bylaw. Jim McLaren seconded the motion and it passed by a 5-0 vote.

Action Items: No actions needed.

- 5. 28 Cameron St (Hunnewell Elementary)** (New NOI) - MA-DEP #324-0967 - Applicant: S. Gagosian; demo/rebuild school building, grounds in Bordering Land Subject to Flooding (BLSF) & RFA.

People Present: Peter Glick, Kristen Olsen, Glenn Remick, John Rich, Brian Paradee

New Information: The final Draft Order of Conditions were reviewed.

Decision: Pete Jones made a motion to close the hearing and the project under both the Wetlands Protection Act and the Wellesley Wetlands Protection Bylaw. Jim McLaren seconded the motion and it passed by a 4-0 vote. Ellie McLane abstained.

Action Items: WA to issue the OOC. Clerical edits will be made and verified before the Order is issued.

- 6. 85 Ledgeways** (*cont.* NOI) - MA-DEP #324-0970 – Applicant: V. Melfa; construct a new garage and patio, remove 5-10 trees, reconstruct existing driveway within BZ.

People Present: Brian Nelson

New Information: A revised planting plan and a Wildlife Habitat Evaluation were summarized.

Decision: continued.

Action Item: WA to draft an OOC.

- 7. 40 Park Av** (New RDA) – Applicant: D. Silverstein; convert drive to lawn and landscape within BZ.

People Present: Diane Simonelli, David Silverstein

New Information: Plans were presented.

Decision: Pete Jones made a motion for a negative determination of the RDA. Jim McLaren seconded the motion and it passed by a 5-0 vote.

Action Item: WA to issue a Negative RDA.

- 8. 39 Atwood St** (New RDA) – Applicant: D. Coletta; demo/rebuild garage in RFA.

People Present: David Coletta

New Information: The project was presented. The Board is unsure if the tree to be removed is within a jurisdictional area. After review, it seems that the tree falls just outside of the RFA.

Decision: Ellie McLane made a motion for a negative determination of the RDA. Pete Jones seconded the motion and it passed by a 5-0 vote.

Action Item: WA to issue a Negative RDA with the special condition of no trees will be planted that are from the Massachusetts Prohibited Plant List.

- 9. 53 Martin Rd** (New RDA) – Applicant: W. Shribman; install 2 HVAC units within BZ & RFA.

People Present: William Shribman, Diane Simonelli

New Information: The project was presented. There are potentials for the HVAC units to be relocated for WPC and Zoning compliance.

Decision: continued

Action Item: Applicant to submit a revised plan from the surveyor.

- 10. 30R Morses Pond Rd** (New RDA) – Applicant: L. & E. Ozdemir; expand porch & install pergola within BZ.

People Present: Leigh Ozdemir, Ersin Ozdemir

New Information: Plans were discussed. Supporting photos were presented.

Decision: Pete Jones made a motion for a negative determination of the RDA. Ellie McLane seconded the motion and it passed by a 5-0 vote.

Action Item: WA to issue a Negative RDA.

11. 68 Dover Rd (New COC) – Applicant: K. & S. O’Leary; new driveway, garage in RFA.

People Present: Kevin O’Leary

New Information: An overview of the performed work was provided.

Decision: Pete Jones made a motion to close the hearing and approve the Certificate of Compliance (COC) under both the Wetlands Protection Act and the Wellesley Wetlands Protection Bylaw. Jim McLaren seconded the motion and it passed by a 5-0 vote.

Action Item: WA to issue a COC.

12. Morses Pond (New Extension) - MA-DEP #324-0782 - Applicant: Town of Wellesley Natural Resources Commission (NRC); nuisance aquatic vegetation control in Morses Pond.

People Present: Ken Wagner

New Information: Project plans and the argument for an extension were presented.

Decision: John Adams made a motion to close the hearing and approve a three-year extension under both the Wetlands Protection Act and the Wellesley Wetlands Protection Bylaw. Pete Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Action Item: WA to issue a 3-year extension permit.

13. Morses Pond (New Extension) - MA-DEP #324-0783 - Applicant: Town of Wellesley NRC; phosphorus inactivation in Morses Pond.

People Present: Ken Wagner

New Information: Project plans and the argument for an extension were presented.

Decision: Jim McLaren made a motion to close the hearing and approve a three-year extension under both the Wetlands Protection Act and the Wellesley Wetlands Protection Bylaw. Ellie McLane seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Action Item: WA to issue a 3-year extension permit.

14. Five Ponds (New Extension) - MA-DEP #324-0878 - Applicant: Town of Wellesley NRC.; phosphorus inactivation in five ponds.

People Present: Ken Wagner

New Information: Project plans and the argument for an extension were presented.

Discussion: Is there any impact regarding the biomagnification of metals within the fish? The WPC recommended the consultant research this question.

Decision: Ellie McLane made a motion to close the hearing and approve a three-year extension under both the Wetlands Protection Act and the Wellesley Wetlands Protection Bylaw. Jim McLaren seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Action Item: WA to issue a 3-year extension permit.

Any urgent items not reasonably anticipated prior to 48 hours of meeting.

8:32 pm Adjournment (Chairman):

Pete Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ellie McLane seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.