

Chelmsford Conservation Commission
Town of Chelmsford
50 Billerica Rd. Chelmsford, Ma 01824
Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2022
Approved March 15, 2022

Members Present: Chris Garrahan, Marc Gibbs, David McLachlan, Karl Bischoff, John Swenson, William Vines, Chris Tymula,

Members Absent:

Others Present: David Koonce-Conservation Agent

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Mr. Garrahan.

All documents referenced in these minutes are available for review at the Community Development Office, 50 Billerica Rd., Chelmsford Town Offices Building. This meeting was hand recorded via the Recording Secretary, and televised by Chelmsford Telemedia.

Open Session / Citizen Concerns

No one came forward at this time.

Regulatory Hearings

Notice of Intent

Michelle Nestor; 77 Concord Road

Katie Enright/Howard Stein Hudson, representing Applicant

Legal Notice read. Request is to install a salt-water in-ground pool, patio, and related equipment.

Ms. Enright and pool installer Ed Snyder spoke for the applicant.

The home was built in 2018, and has an outstanding Certificate of Compliance as some final loose ends are completed for the original Order of Conditions. The Certificate will be applied for as soon as possible, before this work begins.

The pool would be 37 from the wetland, and the area is lawn currently.

Mr. Koonce requested a work sequence document, and that the pool and patio should be staked prior to work beginning. Excavated material will be used elsewhere onsite for grading.

No buffer area exemption is needed as this is not a building. Pool maintenance standards will be included in the Order of Conditions.

Mr. Snyder advised that the sewer line will be flagged, as it crosses the property. Dewatering will be done away from the wetlands. He requested the Commission's permission to move the straw waddle line back another 10 feet to allow more room to work.

The pool will include a rain water overflow line that will allow excess water to flow out past the house, toward the street. There will be a concrete pad for the pool equipment, near the AC unit for the home.

There were no comments received from the audience.

Motion: by Mr. McLachlan to issue a Standard Order of Conditions with the Pool Maintenance Guide for 77 Concord Rd., as presented. Seconded by Mr. Vines. **Motion carries, unanimous.**

Notice of Intent (cont'd from 02.01.22)

Town of Chelmsford; 1-104 Turnpike Road

Bridget Myers/Howard Stein Hudson, representing Applicant

The applicant has requested continuance to March 1, 2022.

Motion: by Mr. McLachlan to continue the Hearing for 1-104 Turnpike Rd. to March 1, 2022. Seconded by Mr. Tymula. **Motion carries, unanimous.**

Discussion

Continual Business

• Update on Odd Fellows (DEP File #129-0891) (Conservation Agent)

Work on the building is ongoing. Mr. McLachlan saw a dumpster was located to the right of the rear door. Mr. Koonce advised that the dumpster was supposed to be moved further from the wetland, he will visit the site to verify it was moved properly.

Land Management

• Update on Warren-Pohl Reservation

Mr. Bischoff reported there will be a discussion tomorrow on the latest comments on the Conservation Restriction from the Chelmsford Land Trust. The baseline document is pending with the consultant.

There have been no comments from DEP regarding the work for the parking lot to date. The Order of Conditions is being written and will be submitted as soon as possible.

Spring Town Meeting will hear articles for two easements; one is on Park Rd., and one is on Kate Lane.

Mr. Stanway announced on social media that a resident reported a coyote attacked a dog at the Cranberry Bog Reservation, and today a dead dog or coyote was found by the trail. The ACO will be contacted. Dog owners should be aware there are coyotes in the area, and they should be careful.

Other Reports

Mr. McLachlan reported that the area for compensatory flood storage proposed for Turnpike Rd. may require a turtle protection plan. The Town may need to hire a biologist to create the plan properly. This work may be grant funded.

Mr. McLachlan suggested that the Commission formally approve expenditures paid from the Commission's Contributions account. The Town Treasurer is looking into the account, which was created in 1961 via a Town Meeting Warrant Article. Mr. Koonce will ask for regular accounting reports to be provided to the Commission regarding all of its accounts.

• Certificate of Compliance #129-0848 (Harvest Lane)

Mr. Swenson recused himself from this request, as he owned the property.

This was a three lot sub-division, where one lot was an ANR lot that has received its Certificate already. This request is for the two remaining lots. Mr. Koonce confirmed that everything is fine and working properly.

Motion: by Mr. McLachlan to issue a Certificate of Compliance for two lots on Harvest Lane, DEP #129-0848, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Vines. **Motion carries, unanimous.**

Paperwork was signed as requested for this and other hearings.

• Minutes of February 1, 2022

There were no Minutes to approve this evening.

Agent's Report

There were no further reports this evening.

Adjourn

Next Meetings: March 1, 2022

March 15, 2022

Motion: by Mr. McLachlan to adjourn the meeting at 7:55PM. Seconded by Mr. Tymula. **Motion carries, unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,
Vivian W. Merrill

Supporting documents:
-Application for Notice of Intent and Certificate of Compliance