

Chelmsford Conservation Commission
Town of Chelmsford
50 Billerica Rd. Chelmsford, Ma 01824
Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2019
Approved July 16, 2019

Meeting Location: 50 Billerica Rd., Room 205, Chelmsford, Ma 01824

Members Present: David McLachlan-Chairman, Jack Souza, Chris Garrahan, William Vines, Mark Gibbs, Chris Tymula

Members Absent: April Mendez,

Others Present: Katharine Guertin-Conservation Agent

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Chairman McLachlan.

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 audio recorded and hand recorded via the Recording Secretary.

Open Session / Citizen Concerns

No one came forward at this time.

Regulatory

***Request for Determination of Applicability-new
136 School Street, addition and deck***

Legal Notice was read. Applicant Kevin Begley was present, and his engineer was on his way to the meeting. The applicant requested to table discussion until the end of the meeting.

Motion: by Mr. Vines to table the matter of 136 School St. until the end of the meeting.
Seconded by Mr. Souza. **Motion carries, unanimous.**

***Request for Determination of Applicability-new
6 Regina Drive, detached garage***

Legal Notice was read. Applicant Michael DeSalva was present. The project is to construct a 30'x36' detached garage 10 feet from the home to be used for ATV, snowmobile and vehicle storage. The garage will have a full foundation. Excess material will be removed from the site. No tree removal needed.

No comments were received from the audience.

Motion: by Mr. Garrahan to approve a Request for Determination of Applicability for 6 Regina Rd., with a Negative 3 Determination and no Special Conditions. Seconded by Mr. Vines.
Motion carries, unanimous.

Enforcement Order-new

10 Sunrise Ave, violation

Mrs. Guertin advised an Enforcement Order has been issued. A Notice of Intent application must be filed by June 6, 2019. The property owner advised that the area was being cleared to create a playground area for their new child, and they were not aware they were doing anything improper.

No trees were cut on water district land. The yard has a steep slope, no erosion controls are present.

The property owner indicated that they plan on putting in a wall with trees. The area was overgrown from previous owner. He cleaned up to the edge of his property line, without knowing he was in jurisdiction. Pat Flaherty will be representing him at a hearing in June.

The property owner was advised that work in the front yard is not in the Commission's jurisdiction.

Enforcement Order-continued

36 Turnpike Road, violation

No updates have been received since the last meeting. Daily fines started at the end of April. Norse Environmental has been working on the application, and the applicant is trying to negotiate with a neighbor for use of their land as compensatory flood storage.

Discussion will be continued to June 4, 2019.

Request for Determination of Applicability-new

136 School Street, addition and deck

Sean Kesey, Houshi Engineering, spoke for the applicant. The proposal is to construct an 18' x21' deck on sonno tubes and a 16 x10 addition also on sonnet tubes. All work is outside the 50-foot buffer zone.

No questions from the audience.

Motion: by Mr. Garrahan to approve a Request for Determination of Applicability for 136 School St., with a Negative 3 Determination and no Special Conditions. Seconded by Mr. Souza.
Motion carries, unanimous.

Discussion

Willis Dr.-follow up

No new updates. The land is a combination of Sewer Department and Conservation land. Site is still active and there is evidence of recent burning, along with a fire pit and stacked wood. Mrs. Guertin suggested posting a sign advising this activity is not allowed. Mr. McLachlan suggested sending a letter

to a nearby resident that has contacted the office previously to discuss activities on town owned land in this neighborhood to advise that this activity is not allowed on Town land.

Other

Selectman Virginia Timmins was introduced to the Commission.

Continual Business

Land Management update

There will be a sub-committee meeting first week in June in Carlisle to discuss the cranberry bog.

An analysis report for the dam done by Brian Milisci is awaited.

The Zoo New England project is still being worked on. Volunteers are looking for salamanders, and will be looking for turtles next.

Mr. McLachlan received an email from an abutter to Swain Pond that the water level has decreased dramatically. Some boards at the outlet had been damaged due to a log that got stuck in the boards. DPW has repaired this situation.

A recent fire at Russell Mill Reservation from a party pit was quickly extinguished by the Fire Department. This confirmed that the current fire road is adequate.

Agent's Report

Documents were signed as required.

Approve Minutes

There were no minutes to approve this evening.

Adjourn

Motion: by Mr. Souza to adjourn the meeting at 7:34PM. Seconded by Mr. Vines. **Motion carries, unanimous.**

Next Meetings **June 4th** **June 18th**

Respectfully submitted,
Vivian W. Merrill
Recording Secretary

Supporting documents:
-RDA Applications and supporting documents
-Supporting documents for Enforcement Orders