



Arlington Conservation Commission

Date: April 02, 2020

Time: 7:30pm

Location: Conducted through Remote Participation using Zoom

Minutes

Attendance: Commission Members Susan Chapnick (Chair), Pam Heidell, Dave Kaplan, Nathaniel Stevens, Chuck Tirone (Vice Chair), and David White; Associate Commissioners Cathy Garnett and Mike Gildesgame; and Conservation Agent Emily Sullivan. Members of the public included Mary Trudeau, Lynne Cooney, Ron Strohsahl, and Kim Alexander.

02/27/2020 Meeting Minutes

The Commission discussed edits to the draft 02/27/2020 minutes. N. Stevens motioned to approve the minutes as edited, C. Tirone seconded, all were in favor, motion approved.

03/05/2020 Meeting Minutes

The Commission discussed edits to the draft 03/05/2020 minutes. N. Stevens motioned to approve the minutes as edited, D. White seconded, all were in favor, motion approved.

Notices of Intent: 47 Spy Pond Lane Lots 1/A and 2/B (continued from 3/5/2020) MassDEP File #s 091-0317 and 0961-0317 respectively

Lot 1/A

Documents Reviewed:

- 1) *Notice of Intent for work at 47 Spy Pond Lane (Lot 1/Lot A), Arlington, MA dated 02/20/2020*

Resource Areas:

- 1) *Spy Pond*
- 2) *100-Foot Wetlands Buffer Zone*
- 3) *Adjacent Upland Resource Area*
- 4) *Bordering Land Subject to Flooding*
- 5) *Bank*

C. Tirone motioned to continue the hearing from the Commission's 03/05/2020 meeting to the Commission 04/02/2020 meeting (the current meeting), N. Stevens seconded, all were in favor, motion approved. The Commission's 03/19/2020 meeting had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

M. Trudeau presented the project. The Superseding Orders of Conditions issued by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection on 12/29/2016 for Lot 1/A expired on 12/29/2019. This project site is therefore currently only permitted under the local Arlington Wetlands Protection Bylaw, and not the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act. This Notice of Intent is filed under the Wetlands Protection Act only. The Lot 1/A project proposes to remove an existing impervious driveway and construct a house.

P. Heidell motioned to close the public hearing for Lot 1/A, N. Stevens seconded, all were in favor, motion approved.

The Commission discussed possible special conditions for the permit and asked E. Sullivan to create a draft permit for review during the Commission's 4/16/2020 meeting.

Lot 2/B

Documents Reviewed:

- 1) Notice of Intent for work at 47 Spy Pond Lane (Lot 2/Lot B), Arlington, MA dated 02/20/2020*

Resource Areas:

- 1) Spy Pond*
- 2) 100-Foot Wetlands Buffer Zone*
- 3) Adjacent Upland Resource Area*
- 4) Bordering Land Subject to Flooding*
- 5) Bank*

N. Stevens motioned to continue the hearing from the Commission's 03/05/2020 meeting to the Commission 04/02/2020 meeting (the current meeting), D. Kaplan seconded, all were in favor, motion approved. The Commission's 03/19/2020 meeting had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

M. Trudeau presented the project. The Superseding Orders of Conditions issued by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection on 12/29/2016 for Lot 2/B expired on 12/29/2019. This project site is therefore currently only permitted under the local Arlington Wetlands Protection Bylaw, and not the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act. This Notice of Intent is filed under the Wetlands Protection Act only. The Lot 2/B project proposes to demolish an existing house and construct a new house.

D. Kaplan motioned to close the public hearing for Lot 1/A, N. Stevens seconded, all were in favor, motion approved.

The Commission discussed possible special conditions for the permit and asked E. Sullivan to create a draft permit for review during the Commission's 4/16/2020 meeting.

Notice of Intent: 93 Sunnyside Ave (continued from 02/27/2020)
MassDEP File #091-0319

Documents Reviewed:

- 1) *Notice of Intent for work at 93 Sunnyside Ave, Arlington MA dated 02/13/2020*

Resource Areas:

- 1) *Alewife Brook*
- 2) *200-Foot Riverfront Area*
- 3) *Bordering Land Subject to Flooding*

N. Stevens motioned to continue the hearing from the Commission's 03/05/2020 meeting to the Commission 04/02/2020 meeting (the current meeting), D. White seconded, all were in favor, motion approved. The Commission's 03/19/2020 meeting had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

L. Cooney presented the project. This project proposes an addition in the backyard and expanding a mudroom in the front yard. The back addition is within the 200-ft Riverfront Area and 100-year floodplain. The back addition is proposed to be built on footings, above the floodplain. The front addition is within the 200-ft Riverfront Area. The project also proposes installing a deck and porous paver driveway in the back yard. As mitigation, this project proposes a native vegetated buffer and three drywells that capture all roof runoff.

N. Stevens motioned to close the public hearing, D. White seconded, all were in favor, motion approved.

The Commission discussed possible special conditions for the permit and asked E. Sullivan to create a draft permit for review during the Commission's 4/16/2020 meeting.

Notice of Intent: 77 Sunnyside Ave
MassDEP File #unassigned

Documents Reviewed:

- 1) *Notice of Intent for work at 77 Sunnyside Ave, Arlington MA dated 03/05/2020*

Resource Areas:

- 1) *Alewife Brook*
- 2) *100-Foot Wetlands Buffer Zone*
- 3) *100-Foot Adjacent Upland Resource Area*
- 4) *200-Foot Riverfront Area*
- 5) *Bordering Land Subject to Flooding*

R. Strohsahl presented the project. This project proposes building an elevated addition in the backyard and an entranceway in the front yard. The back addition and front addition are both within the 100-ft Wetland Buffer, 100-ft Adjacent Upland Resource Area, and 200-ft Riverfront Area. No work is proposed within the floodplain. The project also proposes replacing an existing bituminous concrete walkway and driveway with pervious pavers.

S. Chapnick asked for clarification regarding the resource area delineations. P. Heidell asked how the floodplain resource area was delineated and whether a Letter of Map Amendment would be submitted to FEMA. R. Strohsahl stated that the wetland resource areas were delineated by a wetland scientist and an engineer determined the floodplain boundary. A surveyor then combined the resource areas on the plot plan and also took elevations.

C. Tirone asked whether the driveway would be replaced at the same elevation as the current survey.

The meeting was abruptly ended due to Zoombombing at 8:45pm.