



**Minutes of  
Danvers Conservation Commission  
Thursday, June 25, 2015  
Danvers Town Hall**

The Danvers Conservation Commission held a public meeting on Thursday, June 25, 2015, at the Danvers Town Hall, Daniel J. Toomey Hearing Room, located at One Sylvan Street, Danvers, MA 01923.

**Members present:** Jeffrey Cary, Chairman  
Bill Glynn, Member  
Matthew Lallier, Member

**Members absent:** Michael Splaine, Vice Chairman  
Neal Waldman, Member

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

Mr. Cary opened the Conservation Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a reading of the "Commission Statement."

**Staff Updates**

- **Lot 9 Bridle Spur Extension**

John Morin, Morin Cameron Group, was present. Mr. Morin requested a Minor Modification to Lot 9-10 Bridle Spur Road. In January, this project went before the Commission because the original owner downsized this project and the impervious surface was reduced by 5,000 square feet. Since that time, the original owner has sold the lot, and the new owners have a slightly different building footprint. This change in the plan was submitted last week. The work line will remain the same as before. In January, there was a change to the proposed retaining wall to a one to one rip rap slope. Danvers Engineering asked them to look at other options. Summit Engineering designed for this project a reinforced soil slope, which has a verbal approval from Danvers Engineering Department.

The only change for this proposal is the house is a little bigger and the slope is the same. This project is about 1,000 square feet more impervious surface from the January project; however, this project is still 4,600 square feet less than the original approved plan. The patios, swimming pools, structures have been eliminated. The Commission asked questions regarding the slope and the difference between the rip rap and geo grid material. Mr. Morin explained the installation of the geo grid material. There will be a geo engineer on site during construction. Mr. Morin explained that primarily the house and driveway are a little bigger in this plan, and they are looking for an amendment to the Order of Conditions.

**MOTION:** Mr. Glynn made a motion to require a formal amendment request on Lot 9 Bridle Spur Extension, DEP No. 14-1148; Mr. Lallier seconded; and the motion passed unanimously.



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**Request for a Certificate of Compliance**

- **8 Wildwood Road; DEP File No. 14-1243**

Donald Pearson, 8 Wildwood Road, was present. This project was a new house built on an existing foundation with a two car garage and breezeway. The project is complete.

**MOTION:** Mr. Glynn made a motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance on 8 Wildwood Road, DEP No. 14-1243; Mr. Lallier seconded; and the motion passed unanimously.

**Public Hearing – Notice of Intent**

- **97 Andover Street; DEP File No. 14-12\_\_**

Curt Young, Wetland Preservation, Inc., was present for Group One. Mr. Young presented the site plan to improve the views at 97 Andover Street. They are looking to create a view corridor through this area. Over the years the vegetation has become overgrown and trees are growing into the view scape. Mr. Young described keeping the elevation at 34 feet. In the no disturb zone he is proposing pruning the vegetation and cutting four trees to the stumps, allowing the trees to re-sprout. Some of these trees are 30 feet tall. The wood would be hauled out manually. Mr. Cary was concerned about cutting trees near the stream. Mr. Young stated that this same scenario happens frequently at golf courses. The Commission will visit the site individually; no scheduled site visit needed.

Paul Cote, a Trustee of Old Salem Village, questioned if there would be any effect on drainage with regards to Crane Brook. Mr. Young stated that the discharge from the site would not be changed.

Mr. Young described the offset to cutting trees by revegetating with planting shrubs. Mr. Glynn would still like to see replanting of trees. Mr. Cary asked Ms. Farr for the documentation that the left area on the map is allowed to be maintained and mowed. Mr. Young will provide the latest as-built plan to the Commission.

**MOTION:** Mr. Glynn made a motion to continue the public hearing to July 9, 2015 for 97 Andover Street, DEP File No. 14-12xx; the Commission will visit the site individually; Mr. Lallier seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**Public Hearing – Notice of Intent**

- **7 Riverside Avenue; DEP File No. 14-12\_\_**

Steven Erickson, Norse Environmental, was present for the applicant, EBM Nominee Trust. Mr. Erickson described the project of renovating the interior of the metal building at 7 Riverside Avenue. Building code requires a center drain in the building. The land slopes down towards a catch basin. On the exterior of the building there are three or four trees which are growing into the building and causing damage. Aerial photographs were distributed. Mr. Erickson described the proposed erosion controls and the 100 foot riverfront zone. Mr. Cary described the difference between trees damaging a building and trees growing over and protecting



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a stream. Mr. Cary would like the plan to be updated to include the 100 foot and 200 foot inner riparian zone, standardize the benchmarks/reference units (meters/feet), verify that the most recent flood maps were used, verify the number of trees being cut and how many will be left. The entire site is within the 100 foot riverfront area. Bill Moore described that vehicles are parked and there is a loading dock in the courtyard area where the catch basin is located. The Commission needs more information on the storm drain and if it has a sump.

**MOTION:** Mr. Glynn made a motion to continue the public hearing to July 9, 2015 for 7 Riverside Avenue, DEP File No. 14-12xx; with the conditions to update the plan and provide more details of the site (as described above) prior to the next meeting; Mr. Lallier seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**Public Hearing – Notice of Intent**

- **33 Cabot Road; DEP File No. 14-12\_\_**

Bill Manuell, Wetlands and Land Management, was present, representing the applicant, James Rao. The owner is proposing to construct an in-law addition (single story on a slab) and garage, allowing off street parking. The site is at the corner of Cabot Road with Frost Fish Brook at the back of the property with a fence along the back. They are proposing removing the shed and pavement near the shed, which eliminates the shed from the “no build” line. The new driveway will be off of Cabot Road. The increase to the impervious area is 509 square feet. Mr. Manuell pointed out the 100 foot Inter-riparian line and discussed the erosion controls. There was discussion regarding roof drainage, and because the lot is flat the water should drain into the backyard.

Lorraine Dupont, 32 Cabot Road, asked questions about the new driveway and was concerned about how the in-law addition would look visually. There are currently two existing driveways. One driveway is being moved due to the location of the garage, and the sidewalk along the side of the house will be removed for the garage. Mr. Manuell discuss that the project will be done in phases, and the triangular garage may not be built. The concrete patio will remain.

Mr. Lallier asked about the 100 foot Inter-riparian line. Mr. Manuell reported that the 100 foot Inter-riparian line was measured from the top of the brook; not the top of the bank. The mean high water would be about six inches above the bottom of the stream.

**MOTION:** Mr. Glynn made a motion to continue the public hearing on 33 Cabot Road; DEP File No. 14-12xx to July 9, 2015; condition for additional volume square footage added to plan; Mr. Lallier seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**Public Hearing – Notice of Intent**

- **17 Florence Street; DEP File No. 14-1258 – Continued until August 13, 2015**



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**Minutes – June 11, 2015**

**MOTION:** Mr. Glynn made a motion to approve the minutes of June 11, 2015; Mr. Lallier seconded; and the motion passed unanimously.

**New Business - None**

**Violations**

- House on the river; 15 Mead Street – Ms. Farr informed the Commission that the letter has not been sent yet. She plans on finalizing and mailing the violation letter tomorrow. Ms. Farr will have the owners attend the next meeting on July 9, 2015. It is a Danvers Conservation By-law violation, as well as a Massachusetts Chapter 91 violation.
- Church on Andover Street – Ms. Farr will perform the site visit tomorrow.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Mr. Glynn made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 PM; Mr. Lallier seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Marshall  
Conservation Commission Secretary