



**Minutes of
The Danvers Conservation Commission
Thursday, March 28, 2013
Danvers Town Hall**

The Danvers Conservation Commission held a public meeting on Thursday, MARCH 28, 2013, at the Danvers Town Hall, located at 1 Sylvan Street, Danvers, MA 01923.

Members present: William Glynn, Chairman
Jeffrey Cary, Member
Michael Splaine, Member
Lisa Austin, Member
Tom Manuel, Member
Matthew Lallier, Member
Jeffrey Cary, Member

Members absent: Neal Waldman, Member

Staff present: Kristan Farr, Planner
Janell Powers, Secretary

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

New Business:

Farr has some DEP news and hearings going on. She passed out handouts. She told them about an informational session in April 22, 2013. If you have comments, they are due by May 15th, 2013.

Farr stated that the Danvers Scouts are present and will have some inquiries after the public hearings.

Splaine mentioned that he will send guidelines on Open Meeting law to Farr and they will schedule a workshop.

Manuel stated that the Yacht Club wants to do a drop off turn around. They want to know if the Commission wants them to do an NOI. Farr was asked and she said do an NOI and they did not like the answer and went and asked others. They are going to use pavers. Glynn was in favor of NOI. Austin agrees. Manuel stated that it is going to be approximately 3,000 square feet of alteration and he is in favor of an NOI also.

Minutes: January 24, 2013 & February 28, 2013

Manuel motioned to continue the approval the minutes from the January 24, 2013 meeting and the February 28, 2013 meeting. Splaine seconded. All others were in favor and the motion carried.

Pubic Hearing – [319 CMR 10.05 (4)] – NOI
128R Water Street; DEP File No. 14-122

Jeff Bunk, applicant, was present along with Rich Williams from Williams & Sparages who will discuss his proposed parking lot.

Rich Williams stated that this is located at 128 Rear Water Street. This is where the CAI Industrial building was that blew up. They are proposing to construct a building and a parking lot on the existing land and a portion of the proposed lot is in the buffer zone. Currently, there is a portion of concrete slab from an old building and a portion of a parking lot. The wetland area does not qualify as a wetland under the state regulations. It qualifies under the Danvers by-law only, therefore they are here to represent their request. In order for it to qualify as a wetland under the state regulations, it must be a quarter acre foot and it has to be 6 inches deep. The volume is so much less, it is .01. Glynn asked for the calculation sheets. Williams handed the calculation sheets out to the Commission members. The narrative from Mary Rimmer was also included. These wetlands are flagged. To construct a building, utilities, sewer & water (all is out of the buffer zone). The only work in the buffer zone is removing impervious and replacing it with paving and landscaping. Currently the impervious goes up to the retaining wall. They plan to remove impervious area, bring it outside the no disturb area and re-plant with grass. Glynn asked about square footages. Williams replied that the drainage calculations that show existing to proposed is a reduction of about 20% of run-off in a 2 year storm. There are areas that have vegetation around the perimeter. The strip will go from 10 feet to 20 feet wide of vegetation.

Manuel asked if they are only planting grass? Williams replied that they want it to be maintained. The whole area has fragmites. Manuel replied that wetland mix would probably be preferred since grass cannot be cut in the no disturb area. They could put wetland mix if requested, replied Williams.

Austin asked how they plan on controlling what could drain out of a boat if there will be boats stored and worked on in this parking lot. Bunk stated that there will not be leaks, just water will run off. There also will be no fueling there. Splaine asked how many boats will be stored on this lot. Bunk replied that he would estimate between 50 to 100, but, it will probably be less than that. Williams stated that there is a strip for runoff. The water that hits the landscaped area will go toward the wetland. There is a slope. There is no recharge. They are proposing 30,000 impervious with sheet flow. In the ground there are hazardous materials. There is an AUL there now. They are not proposing to disturb the hazardous land by installing drainage systems.

Austin stated that there is so much flow there and she is so concerned about further damage to the river. Austin stated that boats will be washed and worked on in the lot. Williams stated that the boats are washed off when they go in the water. Glynn stated that boats leak anti-freeze, oil & fuel etc. How will the wetlands be protected from this? Williams replied that they went to ZBA and they will be going to the Planning Board in two weeks. They will be maintaining the flow. They are cutting a foot and ½ on the high side. Manuel asked if he has a sheet flow measurement. In all storms, there is a reduction. Manuel asked how it was calculated. Comparing the existing condition to the proposed condition, Williams replied. They have to meet the ZBA bylaws, meeting the 70 and 30. Cary asked if there is an LSP on site when the impervious is being removed? Yes, there will be an LSP on site. Bunk's LSP has reviewed all of this. The EPA cleaned this site as per the guidelines, this is serious business. The AUL restricts you from putting a single family home or farming fruits and vegetables on this site. Some will be deep as three to four feet. They have some other utilities going down 5 to 6 feet, but, out of the buffer zone. They have to have frost walls. Austin asked what will happen with the removed materials. They will be moved in accordance to requirements. There will not be a vapor barrier. Glynn asked the water table height. Williams stated at one point it is 3 feet and at one it is 8 feet. Manuel is concerned that there needs to be a recharge system. Bunk would suggest a site visit and at the next meeting he will have the LSP present. Site Visit is scheduled for Monday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Pete Clement, 9 Jersey Lane, asked if he can he go? Bunk stated yes.

James Cheever stated that he owns 130 Water Street which is the adjacent Marina. He is concerned about the runoff. He had a constant runoff from that property. Anything going into the wetlands goes on his paved area into the catch basins that he was asked to install by this Commission. Cheever added that anything will go to the river via his catch basins. Please think about this, because, he does not want any problems after this is constructed. He has been on the property for 20 years, and it was a mess when he got it. He has it clean and they would like to keep it as clean as possible.

Manuel motioned to continue the Public Hearing until April 11, 2013 and schedule a site visit for April 8, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. Splaine seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**Continued Public Hearing – [310 CMR 10.05 (4)] – NOI – Continued until April 11
31 Elliott Street; DEP File No. 14-1119**

Violations/Enforcement Orders

None

Scout Questions

Bob Arsenault, Scout Leader asked what AUL means. Glynn explained that it is a restriction on the property. If you disturb the property, you may have the hazardous material travel. He questioned it being a wetland under the Danvers bylaw, but not a state wetland. Glynn explained that it does not qualify as a state wetland. Are fragmites evil? They laughed, they are just plants that spread and take over.

John Arsenault asked why don't they put a drainage system for purification? Manuel stated that it is generally cost and they are not saying that they will not have to put one, they may. Cary did state that we have always required this, a storm sceptor, especially when they are re-building. Farr stated that she will send it to Engineering to review.

Michael Dahlquist asked what were the green lines on the plan and what did they stand for? Glynn replied that these are wetland lines, the 25 is no disturb are and 35 foot is no build zone, this means 25 feet or 35 feet from the wetlands.

Dante DeLorenzo asked if boat fluids were to get into the wetlands, would that affect animals badly? Glynn replied that yes, it would have a very detrimental effect to animals and plants.

Bob Arsenault asked what a recharge system is? Austin replied that it is basically filtering water.

Cam Dunn, parent of scout asked if the Conservation Commission is an appointed board and what is your background and what brought you to the Conservation Commission? Glynn stated that the board consists of volunteers whom the Town Manager appoints. Glynn is an Engineer, Manuel is a realtor and is familiar with the town's wetlands. Splaine is a lawyer and loves the outdoors and wants to preserve the wetlands. Austin lives near the river and she loves the wetlands and wants to preserve how many are left. Cary is a tree hugger.

Pete Clement commented that he likes to see the kids come down and see how meetings work. He comes down to most meetings to keep abreast of what is happening near the water and in the town.

The Scouts stated where they live and what wetlands were near their homes. The Scouts are working on the rail trail benches and planters.

Farr asked if they have a map reading badge? Troop leader replied yes.

Adjournment:

Manuel motioned to close the meeting and adjourn. Splaine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

The Conservation Commission adjourned at 8:30 p.m.