



# Town of Danvers Conservation Commission

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## Conservation Commission

### Members:

Peter Wilson, Chair  
Ann McGill  
Mike Splaine  
Vanessa Curran

## June 22, 2023 7:00 p.m. Conservation Commission Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM

Called to order by Peter Wilson, Chair. Board in attendance Peter Wilson, Michael Splaine, Ann McGill, Vanessa Curran (remote)

Staff present: Georgia Pendergast

***Notice of Intent [310 CMR 10.05 (4)]***  
*57 River Street; DEP File No. 14-1399*  
*Applicant: Jonathan Penni*

Bob Griffin (Griffin Engineering)-presented on behalf of applicant. Reviewed adjustments made to plan based on feedback from June 8 meeting and feedback from site walk. Applicant has employed landscape architect to assist in planning. Noted changed to mitigation areas and irrigation plans. Updated mitigation table. Pointed out jurisdictional areas and boundaries on plans presented. Waiver requests reviewed. Cistern issue resolved.

Mr. Wilson-excavation?

Bob Griffin-excavation for trench and garage.

Mr. Splaine-wall construction impacted by tides? Are of phragmites to be trenched? Is there a way to avoid herbicide? Not in favor of herbicide. Grass clippings preventing phragmites from spreading?

Bob Griffin-wall above mean high water line so minimal impact if any. Trenches noted on plan. Hand pulling and herbicide at phragmite expansion may help. Would be short term application of herbicide and would not be persistent in the environment.

Ms. Curran-mitigation plannings in incorrect locations? Reviewed hand applied operation of herbicide as hand removal itself is labor intensive and needs to be repeated multiple times. Would like condition of no dumping yard waste and/or grass clippings. Removal of Japanese knotweed before they get larger.

Bob Griffin-will move those plants. Spoke with client will stop the dumping of grass clippings.

Charlene Casey (345 Maple Street)-noted swamp area between current home and Danvers Animal Hospital. How will I be impacted?

Mr. Wilson-this will not affect your property.

Charlene Casey (345 Maple Street)-here for a different agenda item.

Bill Bradstreet (Town Meeting Member precinct 1)-condition of pulling weeds and having check-ins done to confirm work being done? State standard for trench?

Bob Griffin-depth of trench recommended by suppliers so 36" will be adequate.

Motion to close public hearing for 57 River Street made by Ann McGill. Seconded by Vanessa Curran. All in favor.

Motion to grant waiver for work within 35' and 50' zones for 57 River Street DEP #14-1399 made by Michael Splaine. Seconded by Ann McGill. All in favor.

Motion to issue order of conditions with additional conditions read aloud for 57 River Street DEP \$14-1399 made by Michael Splaine.

Ms. Curran-with regards to herbicides, could we try manual management first and if not successful, try herbicide? If unsuccessful, would applicant come back for a change?

Mr. Splaine-not part of the motion.

Mr. Wilson-hand control if applicant is willing. Yes-come back for change.

Motion seconded by Ann McGill. All in favor.

***Extension of Order of Conditions***

*9 Tibbetts Avenue; DEP File No. 14-1338*

*Applicant: Brian LeBlanc*

Bill Manuell (Wetlands & Land Management)-presented on behalf of applicant. Applicant requesting extension as application was submitted for amendment to OOC. Would like to add more floats. This is asking for extension for one year.

No questions from the Board or the public.

Motion to grant one year extension for Order of Conditions for DEP #14-1338 made by Ann McGill. Seconded by Vanessa Curran. All in favor. Michael Splaine abstained.

***Notice of Intent [310 CMR 10.05 (4)]***

*54 Coolidge Road; DEP File No. 14-1401*

*Applicant: Erik and Nicole Carlson*

Bill Manuell ((Wetlands & Land Management)-presented on behalf of applicant. Reviewed scope of two additions being proposed off of existing house. Adding 777 sf impervious. Portion of addition in buffer zone to banks of Frost Fish Brook. Noted existing conditions of bank in the area and location of riverfront areas. Erosion controls to be installed. Within performance standards and impact thresholds.

Mr. Wilson-roof runoff plan? Excavation?

Bill Manuell-no issues with roof runoff now and do not anticipate any with additions. Reviewed plans for excavation and slabs to be installed for additions. Anything not backfilled will be removed.

Mr. Splaine-alteration calculation? Previous alterations? Runoff issues?

Staff-not cumulative. Project specific. Commission could condition but case by case basis. Not a blanket standard. No prior filings for this property.

Bill Manuell-projects after 1996 effects threshold; no work at this property. Do not anticipate any runoff issues. Additions on slabs.

Ms. McGill-property fully fenced?

Bill Manuell-fence encloses backyard.

Ms. Curran-no questions.

Bill Bradstreet (Town Meeting Member precinct 1)-runoff to drywell?

Bill Manuell-runoff goes to both backyard and front yard. No erosion or gullyng in existing conditions. No concern with additions.

Motion to issue order of conditions for 54 Coolidge Road DEP #14-1401 made by Ann McGill. Seconded by Michael Splaine. All in favor.

***Notice of Intent [310 CMR 10.05 (4)]***  
***15 Beaver Park Road/229 Maple Street; DEP File No. 14-1400***  
***Applicant: Stephen King, Town of Danvers DPW***

Stephen King (Town Engineer-Town of Danvers)-reviewed NOI application and location of work to be completed. Josh Treachis (lead engineer-VHB) and Dan Cannata (Environmental Scientist-VHB) present remotely.

Josh Trearchis-reviewed existing conditions and that this work includes rail trail extension. Proposing stone dust path consistent with existing rail trail. Crosswalk will be shifted and RFB will be installed. Retaining wall to support path; noted floodplain lines. Noted where curbing will be altered and impact on abutters. No work in BBW. Some in 35' no disturb and 50' no build zones. Wooden safety rails to be installed in designated areas. Access road for town electric division to be installed.

Dan Cannata-not working in BBW or vegetated wetlands. Qualifies as limited project.

Mr. Wilson-waiver?

Staff-limited projects exempt.

Mr. Splaine-location of wall? Length and height? Current conditions?

Josh Trearchis-noted wall location on plan. Average height 5'. Length about 150'. Currently steep slope; wall to support this.

Ms. McGill-management of wet parts of path?

Josh Trearchis-predominately out of those areas. Adding fill.

Mr. Wilson-stormwater flow during construction? Storage of soil?

Dan Cannata-erosion controls in place during work.

Stephen King-have been able to mitigate stormwater thus far with rail trail work via erosion controls. Will not work during storm events. Any soil not used for backfill will be hauled and disposed of offsite. Project broken into multiple phases and working with MassDOT for future expansion.

Beth Swindell (217 Maple Street)-flashing light – any additional signage? Crossing guard parking?

Stephen King-crossing guard will need alternate location to park. Noted location of signage.

Peter Swindell (217 Maple Street)-light at end of Summer Street. Shared traffic concerns. Turning lane?

Staff-there is a Traffic Advisory Committee which is who this can be requested to; not the scope of this Commission.

Stephen King-preliminary discussions taking place regarding further trail extension. Traffic alignment issues to be discussed offline before moving forward with the project. Seeking correct permissions from Conservation Commission within NOI.

Richard Bolduc (Town Meeting Member precinct 4; 222 Maple Street)-coincides with traffic because construction of rail trail effects traffic in the area.

Stephen King-DTAC will be involved in any traffic changes.

Staff-site visit suggested; decision will not be made tonight. Public welcome. Will not pertain to traffic.

Charlene Casey (345 Maple Street)-live next to Danvers Animal Hospital. How will this affect us?

Stephen King-in the future, at further trail extension, would want to become involved. This is not taking place currently where you are living.

Mr. Wilson-would like to have site visit. Funding?

Stephen King-not currently funded. Utilizing limited funding available. Looking into sources of funding. Approval not needed to get funding.

Motion to continue to July 13, 2023 DEP #14-1400 made by Ann McGill. Seconded by Vanessa Curran. All in favor.

**I. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

- Minutes: 04/13/2023 and 8/25/2022

Motion to approve minutes of 4/13/2023 and 8/25/2022 made by Ann McGill. Seconded by Michael Splaine. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn made by Michael Splaine. Seconded by Ann McGill. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:25PM.