

**Hamilton Conservation Commission
Minutes of Meeting of Nov. 16, 2011
Meeting held at Hamilton Town Hall**

Commissioners present:

Robert Cronin (7:50), Peter Dana, Keith Glidden, Richard Luongo (chair), George Tarr

Staff present:

Jim Hankin, Conservation Coordinator

Others present for all or a portion of the meeting included:

Bob Griffin, consultant

Stacy Carpenter

The Commission is scheduled to meet at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 14, 2011 at Hamilton Town Hall. Site walks are scheduled for Sat. Dec. 10.

Richard Luongo opened the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Conservation Coordinator Jim Hankin noted that prior to this meeting, members received copies of two documents about the request for a Certificate of Compliance re bridge construction in Bradley Palmer State Park.

Notice of Intent

21 North Street

David Carnevale, applicant; Griffin Engineering, representative

Raze and reconstruct single-family dwelling, work within NBZ and NDZ

Bob Griffin of Griffin Engineering displayed a site plan of 21 North St. and described his client's proposal to replace an existing 2-bedroom house with a single story 2-bedroom house with basement, on a somewhat larger footprint. Wetlands lie at the back of the lot; the only buildable area is 15,000 square feet at the front of the parcel. The house would be set back 20' from the road. The existing septic system passed a Title V inspection. An existing pool that comes within 5' of wetlands would be removed, as would associated fill across that section of the property; a retaining wall would be built 25' from wetlands and the ground contoured to the side property lines. A patio would be constructed off the kitchen at the back of the house, and a 2-car garage would be built to one side. The patio would lie partly within the no-build-zone line (NBZ) 50' from wetlands, but less of the proposed structures would be in the NBZ than is now the case. Erosion control would be installed downgrade from the work site, along a side property line and across the backyard. The applicant offers to re-grade and add topsoil to 1200 square feet, and plant that area with about 20 to 30 native plants (specified in the written NOI) to compensate for disturbance of wetlands.

Commissioners discussed whether to grant a waiver from regulations, as Mr. Griffin requested, or reach its ruling based on whether the applicant rebutted the assumption of negative impact on wetlands. Mr. Hankin noted that the Commission grants waivers only in rare circumstances, and has done so only twice in his memory.

Commissioner decided to inspect the site at 8:15 a.m. on Sat. Dec. 10, before making a decision.

Mr. Griffin agreed to a continuance.

Keith Glidden made a motion for the Commission to continue this matter to the meeting of Dec. 14, 2011. Peter Dana seconded the motion. The Commission approved the motion by general consent.

Notice of Intent

Howard to Highland Streets

Hamilton Department of Public Works (DPW)

Clean stream from Howard to Highland, work in BVW and bank

Mr. Luongo opened the public hearing. Mr. Hankin said abutter notifications were not mailed in time for the Commission to proceed at this meeting; the applicant requests a continuance.

Mr. Glidden made a motion for the Commission to continue this matter to the meeting of Dec. 14, 2011. George Tarr seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

At Mr. Tarr's suggestion, Mr. Hankin said he would ask the DPW superintendent to attend the Dec. 14 meeting prepared to answer questions about stream-clearing work completed to date.

Commissioners decided to inspect the site on Dec. 10, and also to re-inspect two areas that the DPW recently cleared near the intersection of Linden Ave. and Howard St.

Certificate of Compliance

Bradley Palmer State Park

Mass. Department of Conservation and Recreation, applicant

Pedestrian bridge, DEP file #172-0540 issued Oct. 25, 2010

Mr. Hankin passed around photos of the completed pedestrian bridge in Bradley Palmer State Park, across the Ipswich River. He recommended the Commission grant a Certificate of Compliance.

Robert Cronin made a motion for the Commission to issue a Certificate of Compliance. Mr. Dana seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Mr. Cronin made a motion for the Commission to approve the minutes of the meeting of Nov. 2, 2011 as presented. Mr. Dana seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Mr. Hankin announced that Commissioner Virginia Cookson would be absent from several upcoming meetings for medical reasons. He announced also that Craig Roller withdrew his name from consideration for appointment to the Commission.

Mr. Glidden made a motion for the Commission to recommend to the Board of Selectmen the appointment of Stacy Carpenter to the Commission. Mr. Dana seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Mr. Hankin informed Ms. Carpenter that she must complete a written application, for

consideration by selectmen.

Mr. Hankin informed commissioners that in addition to matters continued during this meeting to the meeting of Dec. 14, the Dec. 14 agenda would include a proposal to install a dock and reconstruct a retaining wall at a property abutting Chebacco Lake.

Mr. Cronin made a motion for the Commission to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Mr. Glidden seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Minutes submitted 11/17/2011 by Ann Sierks Smith