

Approved October 19, 2021



# Town of Duxbury Conservation Commission

Minutes of October 5, 2021

TOWN CLERK

2021 NOV 19 AM 11:44  
DUXBURY, MASS.

The Duxbury Conservation Commission met on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via remote Zoom videoconferencing.

**Members Present:** Robb D'Ambruoso, Chair; Corey Wisneski; Sam Butcher; Tom Gill; Mickey McGonagle and Holly Morris

**Members Absent:** Scott Zoltowski, Vice-Chair

**Staff Present:** Joe Grady, Conservation Administrator; Nancy Rufo, Administrative Assistant; Pat Loring, volunteer

Meeting was called to order by Chair, Robb D'Ambruoso at 7:03 p.m.

Mr. D'Ambruoso read the following preamble: Pursuant to Governor Baker's Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021 dated June 16, 2021, An Act Relative to Extending Certain Covid-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency regarding suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, the Town of Duxbury's Board and/or Committee meetings will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible with members.

## **PUBLIC HEARING; WEATHERBEE/COLLINS ENGINEERING GROUP; 409 CHANDLER STREET; SEPTIC SYTEM SE18-1980**

Robb D'Ambruoso read the SE18-1980 Legal Notice. Peter Lyons, Collins Engineering Group, Engineer for the homeowners, presented the project for repair of a failed septic system within 100 ft. of a pond. The new system will be installed at the furthest point from the pond. Trees will be cleared at the new system location. There will be no disturbance within the pond's 50-foot Buffer Zone. Erosion control measures will be installed to prevent erosion onto the road and on-site to prevent erosion from the decommissioned septic system. Joe Grady stated he agrees with the wetland delineation, has inspected the new septic system location and recommends the Commission write Order of Conditions.

Sam Butcher made a motion, seconded by Holly Morris, to close the Public Hearing and write Order of Conditions for SE18-1980. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote: Sam Butcher, yes; Tom Gill, yes; Mickey McGonagle, yes; Holly Morris, yes; Corey Wisneski, yes; and Robb D'Ambruoso, yes.

Motion carried 6 – 0.

## **CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING; CURRIER/DUXBURY CONSTRUCTION; 230 MARSHALL STREET; STONE REVETMENT AND DRIFT FENCE**

**SE18-1976.** Applicant has requested a Public Hearing continuance until January 4, 2022 at 7:05 p.m.

878 Tremont Street, Duxbury, MA 02332; Telephone: 781-934-1100 x 5471; Fax: 781-934-1137

Tom Gill made a motion, seconded by Corey Wisneski, to continue the Public Hearing for SE18-1976 until January 4, 2022 at 7:05 p.m. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote: Sam Butcher, yes; Tom Gill, yes; Mickey McGonagle, yes; Holly Morris, yes; Corey Wisneski, yes; and Robb D'Ambruoso, yes.

Motion carried 6 – 0.

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:**

**Minutes for Approval:**

**Regular Session: September 21, 2021.** Corey Wisneski made a motion, seconded by Tom Gill, to approved the September 21, 2021 Regular Session minutes. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote: Sam Butcher, yes; Tom Gill, yes; Mickey McGonagle, yes; Holly Morris, yes; Corey Wisneski, yes and Robb D'Ambruoso, yes.  
Motion carried 6 – 0.

**CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING; BALDWIN/GRADY CONSULTING; 0 KEENE STREET; SINGLE FAMILY HOME AND MOUNDED SEPTIC SYSTEM**

**SE18-1977.** Applicant has requested a continuance until November 2, 2021 at 7:05 p.m. to have time to respond to Lenore White's comments.

Corey Wisneski made a motion, seconded by Holly Morris, to continue the Public Hearing to November 2, 2021 at 7:05 p.m. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote: Sam Butcher, yes; Tom Gill, yes; Mickey McGonagle, yes; Holly Morris, yes; Corey Wisneski, yes; and Robb D'Ambruoso, yes.

Motion carried 6 – 0.

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (continued):**

**Certificates of Compliance:**

**SE18-1591; Pat Brennan/Amory Engineering; 433 Washington Street; dredging.**

Joe Grady reported this is a completed 2016 dredging project. He has an As-built plan and recommended the Commission issue a Certificate of Compliance for SE18-1591.

Corey Wisneski made a motion, seconded by Sam Butcher, to issue a Certificate of Compliance for SE18-1591. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote: Sam Butcher, yes; Tom Gill, yes; Mickey McGonagle, yes; Holly Morris, yes; Corey Wisneski, yes; and Robb D'Ambruoso, yes.

Motion carried 6 – 0.

**SE18-1669 Noone/Stenbeck & Taylor; 81 Gurnet Road; driveway and pavers**

Joe Grady reported the project complies with the Order of Conditions, he has an As-Built Plan and he recommended the Commission issue a Certificate of Compliance.

Corey Wisneski made a motion, seconded by Sam Butcher, to issue a Certificate of Compliance for SE18-1669. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote: Sam Butcher, yes; Tom Gill, yes; Mickey McGonagle, yes; Holly Morris, yes; Corey Wisneski, yes; and Robb D'Ambruoso, yes.

Motion carried 6 – 0.

**PUBLIC MEETING; KRUGGER/SEACOAST ENGINEERING; 449 WASHINGTON STREET;  
RAISE BUILDING OUT OF FLOOD ZONE**

Robb D'Ambruoso read the Public Meeting Legal Notice. Paul Brogna, Seacoast Engineering, presented the project for landowners, Rick and Sally Krugger. The property contains a non-conforming preexisting commercial building and garage in Snug Harbor Village within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage. There are no wetlands within 100 ft. of the property line. The project proposes to raise the building from elevation 8.99 ft. to 13 ft, to demolish and reconstruct the garage and to construct an on-site rain garden. Discussion followed on stormwater runoff.

Sam Butcher made a motion, seconded by Corey Wisneski, to close the Public Meeting and issue a Negative Determination for the project at 449 Washington Street. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote: Sam Butcher, yes; Tom Gill, yes; Mickey McGonagle, yes; Holly Morris, yes; Corey Wisneski, yes; and Robb D'Ambruoso, yes.

Motion carried 6 – 0.

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (continued):****PROJECT UPDATES:**

- **FISH LADDER** – Joe Grady reported Island Creek Pond will be stocked with herring next spring following a three-year habitat assessment. This is the second stocking of the pond. The fish will be trucked from Town Brook in Plymouth to Island Creek Pond where they will spend three years before returning to the ocean. In 2005 and 2006 the Island Creek fish ladder was reconstructed with multiple funding sources, multiple agencies and volunteers. Obstructions have grown up throughout the Island Creek system and will need to be removed prior to the restocking.
- **REMOVAL OF TEMPLE STREET DAM** – A South River dam removal project is currently within its third year of study. It is a five-year project with the North & South River Watershed Association and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The goal of the project is to restore the river's natural hydrology, restore eel and anadromous fish habitat and make the South River self-sustaining without creating any downstream flooding. Trees and wood will be added to the river system when all the dams have been removed to slow the river flow and make it maintenance free. The complicated project requires multiple permits. The marsh upstream of the Temple Street dam will become a wet meadow after the dam is removed.
- **59/0 GURNET ROAD REVETMENT** – A requested quarterly update has been received. Work is scheduled for the week of October 18, 2021.
- **98 HARRISON STREET RESTORATION MONITORING** – Joe Grady reported he has inspected the wetland restoration project and the plantings comply with the Restoration Plan. However, the signs should be replaced with permanent signs and invasive management should continue another year.

Corey Wisneski made a motion, seconded by Tom Gill, to require installation of permanent signs and to continue invasive plant management one more year before the Restoration Plan is considered complete. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote: Sam Butcher, yes; Tom Gill, yes; Mickey McGonagle, yes; Holly Morris, yes; Corey Wisneski, yes and Robb D'Ambruoso, yes.

Motion carried 6 – 0.

- **23 EAGLES NEST ROAD RESTORATION UPDATE** – A memo from Lenore White, Wetland Strategies, Inc., consultant to the Conservation Commission, indicates confusion on the plant delivery day. Freeman Boynton has stated everything will be corrected.
- **38 HORNBEAM ROAD RESTORATION UPDATE** – Lenore White found deficiencies with the 38 Hornbeam Road Restoration plantings. It is hoped the final restoration plantings will be completed this fall and the three-year growth plan will be underway.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Corey Wisneski made a motion, seconded by Holly Morris, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote: Sam Butcher, yes; Tom Gill, yes; Mickey McGonagle, yes; Holly Morris, yes; Corey Wisneski, yes; and Robb D'Ambruoso, yes.

Motion carried 6 – 0.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.