

**Town of Foxborough
Conservation Commission Minutes
August 16, 2010**

Members present: Bob Boette (Chairman), Harold Blomberg, Allan Curtis, Doug Davis, Judi Johnson, and Eric Nelson

Absent: Jim Marsh, Jane Pierce

Meeting Opened

Bob Boette opened the meeting, held in the McGinty Meeting Room in the Public Safety Building, at 7:00 p.m.

Notice of Intent, 12 Country Club Road - Michael and Sheila Cook

Applicants' representatives Bill Buckley from Bay Colony Group and Erik Bednarek from EJB Designs were present to provide information relative to the proposed construction of an in-ground pool and patio, cabana and shed at 12 Country Club Road.

The property is a 125,360+/- sf parcel of land located on the south side of Country Club Lane at the end of the cul-de-sac. Bordering vegetated wetlands cover approximately 55,000 sf of the parcel, with an additional 48,500+/- sf in the 100 foot buffer zone. A portion of the property also lies within the Riverfront Area associated with Mortons Brook; no activity is proposed in the Riverfront Area. Jane met on-site with Bill Buckley and Briscoe Lang of Pare Corporation, who had delineated the wetlands, to confirm the wetland line.

Included in the plan is a future garage footprint which the applicants would like to have approved, even though it will not be constructed during this project. A 14' x 16' shed will be constructed of the end of the driveway. No modifications to the driveway or septic system are proposed.

Bob asked about the pool's filtration system and Erik replied that it was a salt water filter system using sand. Bob and Judi stated that they were unfamiliar with salt water filtration systems and Erik said he was not sure of the specifics of the makeup of the salt. Bob asked them to send information about the salt water system to the Commission.

Erik, a landscape architect, then gave an overview of the landscape plan for this project. The pool will be approximately 40' x 20' and will have a multi-level patio along with a cabana. Landscaping will take place on multi-levels that will require the construction of retaining walls and terraces to accommodate the landscaping. They will use native plants including Winterberry, Iris, Birch, and Serviceberry; a mixture of plants that can adapt to different conditions and increase the site's wildlife habitat values. Doug asked Erik whether they would be removing any trees, to which Erik replied that some trees would be removed, but none within the 25 foot no disturb zone. They will also be "thinning" out some trees to enhance the natural view from the deck area.

Erik gave the Commission a copy of his memo to Bill Buckley which addresses questions that Jane has raised with Bill Buckley during their site meeting. Excerpts of Erik's response letter follow:

1. Approximately 400 yards of fill would be brought on site.
2. Walls would most likely be constructed of Decorative Concrete Modular block (Unilock, Belgard, Ideal, etc.)
3. Fence would most likely be ornamental aluminum with a small possibility of PVC fence. The design intent would be to minimize the obtrusive appearance of a barrier around the pool and try to make it disappear into the landscape and appreciate the woodlands beyond.

4. The pool would be a salt water filtered system.
5. No details for the garage have been determined at this time, but only the footprint. I showed a potential door just in case the client would like to have the ability to have storage below since we have to build up the grade and foundation. No final decisions have been made at this time.
6. Upon further review of the drainage with Bay Colony, we determined the most appropriate and most sensitive way to handle drainage would be to include a depressed rain garden containing a drain inlet and basin that will leach into the surround soils outside of the 100' buffer. Overflow water will be directed through a swale to realign with the current flow of water through the back yard.
7. The mulch would not be treated. I would also recommend organic compost be applied to disturbed areas outside of the pool walls rather than mulch.

Motion was made by Judi Johnson to close the hearing. Seconded by Eric Nelson.

Vote: 6:0:0.

Request for Determination – 45 Lakeview Road, Lake View Pavilion

The RFD was for the proposed removal of white and yellow water lilies, milfoil and bladderwort from a small surface area of Lakeview Pond.

Patty McCarthy Serpis and Natalia Kapourelakos from the Lake View Pavilion attended the meeting to discuss the removal of floating pond weeds in a small area behind the Pavilion's popular wedding photo area. Bob and Jane had met with Natalia on site to discuss and identify the limits of the weed removal area and the methodologies to be used. The Pavilion staff will cut the weeds by hand and will work in the area between the two larger pine trees, as shown on Jane's Manager's Report. The cuttings will be bagged and brought to the Town's composting area.

Motion was made by Judi Johnson to issue a Negative Determination (#3 and #6) for the RFD for Lake View Pavilion, 45 Lakeview Road. Seconded by Eric Nelson. **Vote: 6:0:0.**

Continued Requests for Determination (2), Foxborough Highway Department

4 Paula Lane

Bob Swanson did not attend tonight's meeting. No action was taken on this Request

20 Woodland Road, Catch Basin Installation

Motion was made by Harold Blomberg to issue a Negative Determination (#3 and #6) for the RFD for 20 Woodland Road. Seconded by Doug Davis. **Vote: 6:0:0**

10 Fairbanks Road Rental Update

The tenant spoke to Judy and told her that they would be moving out by August 31, 2010. Judy requested that he put his plan in writing and he told her that he would do so via email. To date the only email received from this tenant was an email which stated that he would send a letter soon. The town's legal counsel recommends petitioning the court for a judgment against the tenants if they do not move out by the end of August. The paperwork can be handled by staff. No attorney will be needed for this action.

Norfolk County Mosquito Project

Bob has been to the site and reported that this will be a long project. They only work at the site for a couple of hours each morning.

Walking Bridge near Mill Street

The Commission is in receipt of an email from a resident complaining about the poor condition of the walking bridge near Mill Street, facing the dog park. Bob will check it out.

August 2, 2010 Minutes

Motion was made by Judi Johnson to accept the August 2, 2010 meeting minutes, as presented.
Seconded by Harold Blomberg. **Vote: 6:0:0.**

Meeting Adjourned

Motion was made by Judi Johnson to adjourn. Seconded by Eric Nelson. **Vote: 6:0:0**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Draft minutes submitted by Judy Leahy: 8/23/10

Reviewed by Jane Pierce: 8/25/10

Approved by Commission: 8/30/10