

# TOWN OF WESTWOOD

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Minutes: Conservation Commission Meeting Date: June 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Location: Champaign Meeting Room, 50 Carby Street, Westwood, MA**

### **7:00 p.m. – Call to Order**

The Conservation Commission meeting of June 22, 2016 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Champagne Meeting Room, 50 Carby Street with the following members present: Charles Pare, John Rogers, Diane Hayes, R.J. Sheer and Todd Weston. Also present is Karon Skinner Catrone, Conservation Agent.

### **Review/update Agenda**

Approval of minutes – May 11, 2016, May 27, 2016, June 8, 2016 – tabled.

**Wetlands and Stormwater Education Topics;** Wetlands Protection Act (interests, resource areas, hydrology, flooding, water quality, erosion and sedimentation, administration mechanics), Town Bylaws and Regulations (especially differences/additions to WPA), Avoidance-Minimization-Mitigation, Mitigation Lessons Learned

### **Proactivities, Education and Information Topics:**

- Reminder of WPA, DEP Regulations, Westwood Wetlands and Stormwater Bylaws and Regulations, and Westwood CC Policies (see attached Overview); understand and clarify differences in state and local, including process, and update Westwood's as appropriate
- Commission members (and our neighbors, friends and acquaintances) are eyes, ears and voices for wetlands protection in Westwood
- Recognize, supplement and enhance our technical expertise, i.e., wetlands identification/delineation, WPA interests and Resource Areas, flooding, water quality, erosion and sedimentation, administrative mechanics, etc.
- Develop a Conservation Land Management Plan

### **Executive Session (if/as needed)**

#### **Discussion Items:**

- 131 Bay Colony Road Enforcement Order – No filing received but engineer is working on this.
- Haslam Pond vegetation, dam and outlet – I have spoken to an Eagle Scout that may do some invasive removal at this site as part of his Eagle Scout project.
- 42 Mill Street pond vegetation, dam and outlet – Ms. Catrone states she has still not received a decision from DEP.
- Future East Street widening, bridge replacement, and stormwater system – nothing new
- 118 Wilondale Road – Ms. Catrone explains the owner would like to construct a new home on the lot but the town has been directing drainage to the lot for many years and it has become a

wetland. The owner would like to redirect the drainage and build on the lot.

The Commission agrees they would like to visit the site.

**Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Pare to continue this discussion to the next meeting so the Commission can visit the site. Unanimous.**

### **Hearings**

**Extension – 235 Westfield Street** – Ms. Gay Collins, owner and applicant, is requesting an Extension to Order of Conditions 338-0552 to construct a 32' x 32' detached garage on their 18 acre lot. Ms. Catrone states the owner is requesting the extension because they did not have the funds to do the work.

**Motion made by Ms. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Pare to extend the order for 3 years with the condition all previous conditions still apply. Erosion control must be installed prior to start of work. Unanimous.**

**Motion made by Mr. Pare, second by Ms. Hayes to adjourn the hearing. Unanimous.**