



Town of Hudson

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

78 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749
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Meeting Minutes **March 7, 2024**

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Chair Heidi Graf

Roll Call: Heidi Graf, James Martin (left at 8:00), Paul Osborne, Brandon Parker, Debbi Edelstein, Jacob Millette (arrived 7:04 PM)

Staff: Pam Helinek, Conservation Agent

Public Hearings

Coolidge Street, continued NOI #190-0683

James Martin moved to continue the hearing to March 21, 2024 at 7:00 PM, second by Debbi Edelstein, vote 5-0-0.

57 Fort Meadow Drive, NOI #190-07xx

Present: Dave Krijger

The applicant requested a continuance to address an email from DEP. James Martin moved to continue the hearing to March 21, 2024 at 7:00 PM, second by Debbi Edelstein, vote 6-0-0.

46 Lakeside Ave, NOI #190-07xx

Present: Jen Chiasson

Documents:

- Site Development Plan, 46 Lakeside Avenue, Hudson, MA; dated 2/1/24; prepared by Alfred M. Berry; signed and stamped by Alfred M. Berry, PLS#36857; scale 1"=20'
- Shea Concrete Products Retaining Wall Systems, Drawings #100 and 200

The applicant proposes to remove an enclosed porch from the back of the house and construct a garage with a new driveway. An existing deck will be extended to meet the addition. A concrete path leading downslope towards the water will be removed and three failing retaining walls will be replaced. The work will be followed by native plantings to mitigate the cutting of trees last year.

Debbie Edelstein requested more information about the planting plan. Jen Chiasson said the final plan will be dependent on what the nurseries have in stock but she intends trees including maples and shrubs such as blueberries. Debbi Edelstein suggested groundcover that will hold the soil in place and shrubbery near the retaining walls. She said that the final planting plan would need to be approved by the Commission.

James Martin said that erosion control will be important. Pam Helinek said that a heavy mulch sack would be required when the retaining wall along the bank was constructed. Paul Osborne asked about a partially underground concrete structure. Jen Chiasson said that it will remain. Paul Osborne asked about staging the various parts of the project. All the work will be done this spring/summer except for the lake wall which will be done during fall drawdown.

Brandon Parker asked how much excavation would be required for the driveway. Jen Chiasson said 4-5 feet. Brandon Parker commented that there were no contour lines on the drawing and that the driveway did not appear to scale. He requested more details be added to the plan. He also requested that additional silt fence be added higher up during driveway construction. He noted that he found the markings on the drawings of the concrete blocks to be confusing and asked for the blocks that will be used to be circled for clarity.

Debbi Edelstein asked if steps down to the water were to be added and said they needed to be included on the plans. She also said that water could sheet flow down the driveway and that plantings at the end of the driveway would be necessary. Jen Chiasson said that the driveway will have a lip at the end to redirect stormwater.

Heidi Graf said that the work near the shoreline was in floodplain and that floodplain alterations should be added to the NOI form.

James Martin requested a site visit be scheduled. The site visit will be Wednesday March 13, 2024 at 4:30PM. Debbi Edelstein moved to continue the hearing to March 21, 2024 at 7:00PM. Second by James Martin, vote 6-0-0.

Administrative Business

Minutes – Paul Osborne moved to approve the minutes from February 15, 2024, second by Debbi Edelstein, vote 6-0-0.

Adjournment

Heidi Graf moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Brandon Parker, vote 5-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.