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Stoneham Conservation Commission  
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**STONEHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
NOVEMBER 29, 2021  
REMOTE 7 PM**

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Commissioners: Ellen McBride, Bob Parsons, Rob Fotino, Alex Rozycki, Jessica Gerke, Megan Day  
Charles Houghton, Dan Dragani, Michael Lomuscio, Rachel McComb

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**0 Rockville Park/5 Mauriello Drive**

*Charles Houghton*

**Notice of Intent**

16 Unit condominium that has been to site plan with Select Board and other Town agencies with Conservation as the last step and would like to schedule a site visit. Dan Dragani presented his screen. Rockville Park by DCR North Border Road and north of Dikes Pond. Unused land, roadways are non standard with various widths/shapes/slopes will be addressed. Town house condominiums accessed by Rockville Park, cul de sac built with grading to reduce height of sight. Glendale Rd roadway widened and right turn only to North Border Rd. Clearing within 25 foot buffer zone for site visibility. 100 year stormwater system.

Ellen McBride says our jurisdiction on east side and Dan Dragani says southwest has resource area as well.

Safety officer recommendation will need to be reviewed at site visit. Straw waddles and siltation fencing shown on existing conditions plan. Discharge stormwater to wetlands. Soil that was brought in will be removed, center of site is high and will come down in grade.

Mike Santullo said test pits found solid ground about 10 feet so fill will be going to get down to grade.

Existing resource area east just outside 25 foot no disturb, around 30 feet.

Southwest wetland area does dry up, resource area shows 25 foot buffer, further distance closer to 50 feet to wetlands.

Retention of water may be because existing lines are clogged per Dan Dragani, PE.

Ellen McBride asks about permits from DCR. Charlie Houghton says yes they will be contacting DCR for permits, they may ask Mike Day for help.

Ellen McBride asks why select board wasn't last. Charlie Houghton responds regulations from DEP say all permits including site plans go before Conservation. This is not considered a subdivision.

Bob Parsons mentions he and Ellen McBride do sit on stormwater board. Would like building corners marked out and resource areas flagged before site visit. Dan Dragani says he will check on that.

Alex Rozycki comments about restoration plan for proposed work in 25 foot zone. Snow storage areas within buffer zone may not work. Are trees being removed? Any earth disturbed within 100 feet is within Conservation's jurisdiction.

Dan Dragani asks what besides trees being removed and replaced, is there anything else we would like to see. Alex Rozycki responds 2 to 1 ratio replacement may be shown on restoration plan.

Michael Lomuscio 6 Glendale Rd asks about connection to North Border Rd. Offered plan and site visit attendance. Site plan Friday December 3, 2021 at 10am

Motion to continue until December 20, 2021 by Alex Rozycki seconded by Bob Parsons. Roll call Ellen McBride, Bob Parsons, Rob Fotino, Alex Rozycki, Jessica Gerke, Megan Day 6/0

## **DISCUSSION**

### **Stoneham High School Update**

*Joel Seeley*

No ANRAD, Notice of Intent in the spring.

### **7 Birch Street**

*Rachel Wentz*

Tree removal

Trim trees and stump with 10 feet of tree remaining. Spoke to tree trimming group, use temporary ramp along with braces and ropes. One of the trees is at 9 Birch Street and has approval documentation from neighbor to be removed. Branches breaking off. Want to insure trees don't hit house.

Ellen McBride mentions we have been to property before, and mentions jurisdiction. Are within 25 feet mark. Do not have tree warden. Certified arborist to say trees are in fact dead.

Bob Parsons has been told town has certified arborist. Town can contact Mr. Gonsalves and have him have arborist go to property. Letter to agree to have trees removed.

Alex Rozycki appreciates having tree for habitat. Megan Day is comfortable with tree trimming.

### **3 Daniel Drive**

*Joseph Penney*

DCR report- Ellen McBride has not heard back from DCR, report was forwarded last month.

### **Storm Water Wetlands Restoration Project**

*Alex Rozycki*

DPW Conservation survey

Alex Rozycki met with Dennis Sheehan and Erin Wortman will be looking for funding in 2022 MVP. Funding opportunity may present with Land and Water Conservation Fund. Would like to spend as little Stoneham money as possible and have a study of the watershed in the area done.

### **Whip Hill**

*Megan Day*

Santa Visit December 18+19, 2021

Megan Day is looking for volunteers. Jim Previte is aware. AJ will be there. Stoneham police will be there, 2-5pm. Crafts are being worked on. Will coordinate with Garden Club. Require masks indoors, take mask down for pictures. Sit next to Santa. Jim Previte's dad passed away and Commission was notified by email. Ellen McBride asks if a letter to everyone in Town Hall asking for volunteers is possible.

### **Wetland Resource Flyer**

*Jessica Gerke*

Will continue to work on it.

### **Tree Policy**

*Ellen McBride*

Permit to remove tree as suggestion from Ellen McBride as a bylaw. Raymie Parker asks if just in Conservation land. Talk of a new Town policy, bylaw to be made based on other Towns such as Brookline. Alex Rozycki mentions it's a lot of work for whoever has to sign off on tree removal. Reading has online permitting. Ellen McBride is considering contacting tree companies and talking about permitting. Education/protection of trees.

### **Approve Meeting Minutes November 1, 2021**

Motion made by Alex Rozycki seconded by Rob Fotino. Roll call Ellen McBride, Rob Fotino, Alex Rozycki, Jessica Gerke, Megan Day 5/0

Motion to adjourn by Alex Rozycki, seconded by Rob Fotino. Roll call Ellen McBride, Rob Fotino, Alex Rozycki, Jessica Gerke, Megan Day 5/0

**Next Meeting December 20, 2021**