

**STONEHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
OCTOBER 11 2022 REMOTE 7 PM**

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**Ellen McBride, Bob Parsons, Alex Rozcyki, Domenick Cimina, Norman L'Esperance  
and Rob Fotino**

**Brett Gonsalves, Tom Liddy Lucas Environmental, Pelissier Whipple Ave, Stephen  
Glowacki, Tim Collis, Mary Rimmer, Charles Houghton, Erin Wortman**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**95 Maple Street #297-0411**

Thomas Liddy/Lucas Environmental/Charles Houghton

Notice of Intent

Site walk at 95 Maple Street is mostly concrete. Mary Rimmer went this past Friday 10/7/22 and recaps report. Wetland boundary self explanatory, Sweet water brook, no BVW, clear cut boundary, delineation confirmed. Applicant submitted as riverfront project with stream stats as perennial. Flood plain between elevation 48 and 49. Site is mostly pavement. Resource areas performance standards. Redevelopment standards riverfront area regulations qualifies, improvement to existing conditions. Removal and replacement of fence, removal of some pavement so no work closer to river. Small amount being removed by river, buffer improved. Significant improvement to storm water management and includes runoff to brook. Flood storage improvements. Significant amount of impervious surface area removed. Riverfront area all set, bordering land flood storage need to provide same or better amount of volume for flood storage. Grading plan blocks some of flood storage. Incremental 10 year or smaller more frequent events might not have compensatory flood volume. Grading may increase velocity of runoff. Mimicking existing grading, but don't want to increase velocity. No wildlife value. Bylaw allows greater to 1:1 compensatory flood storage. Buffer zone additional standards in bylaw for foundation walls. Some improvements in 25 foot zone proposed, not getting 25 foot from river. Meadow strip may only be a couple feet wide, could look at invasive species along bank to target for removal and enhancement of native plantings. Hardship not seen.

Ellen McBride said MWRA sewers within 25 foot, asks what Ms. Rimmer has seen. Small shrubs might be acceptable too is Ms. Rimmer's answer.

Tom Liddy Lucas Environmental thanks Ms. Rimmer. Asks about report, emailed to them by office.

Stephen Glowacki met with Ms. Rimmer. Flood plains solution is elongated flood storage area tweaked. Connectivity is not direct but can be in the flood plain. Deeper pocket between 46 and 47 rain garden considered with bern, can not be connected. If comp storage is removed from calculation can still provide what is out there today.

Increasing runoff issue, haven't changed grades significantly. As part of MWRA store lines limits them, maintained grades with the exception of pitching back to the building thru rain garden to north and northwest. Don't anticipate runoff, pulling runoff away from brook. Pulling pavement in slightly. Between 2-3 feet away from brook pulling pavement in.

Invasives, dilapidated fence, black clad chain link fence to be installed. Remove invasives and groom to add meadow mix in course of construction. Regular maintenance, not yet defined. 270 unit residential property so will need to keep area maintained.

Bob Parsons asks if in removing rain garden at location where it can not be contiguous, if its intended to be BMP. Clarified not removing from rain garden just removing from calculation.

Stephen Glowacki and Tom Liddy can incorporate and demonstrate compensatory storage sufficient, prove gradient won't increase run off, further description of invasives along perimeter. New grading plan to show how areas connected to river.

Bob Parsons plan revision forth coming so keep hearing open.

Stephen Glowacki would prefer to close, confident he can make it work. Will send response and new plan.

Ellen McBride asks when they hope to start working. MWRA approvals pending.

Charles Houghton mentions 25 foot has always been considered favorably and is unable to attend November 1, 2022.

**Motion to continue by Bob Parsons to November 1, 2022 7pm seconded by Domenick Cimina. Roll call Ellen McBride, Bob Parsons, Alex Rozycki, Domenick Cimina, Norman L'Esperance and Rob Fotino yes 6/0**

## **DISCUSSION**

### **Veterans Lane #297-0407**

*Brett Gonsalves*

Update

Ellen McBride compliments neighbors DPW

Brett Gonsalves contractor started hydrovacating, and then rain storm. Project foreman pulled crews from Stoneham. Signed contract with corporate headquarters. Expected back on site via

email. Pricing is incorrect per foreman. Executed contract with Bob Galvin, and hoping to have them on site again by Thursday. Brett Gonsalves said Town occurs cost of tank and company pulled out without notice. Liquidated damages in contract. Holding to contract, even if incorrect numbers are included. Ellen McBride asked if LEC has been to site? Brett Gonsalves said yes Rich Kirby has been at site. Badger should end up their end of execution. Bob Parsons will support however we can, order of conditions is in contract. Mr. Gonsalves has sent response to Galvin and then expect to hear from company quickly.

### **Letter to Neighbors/Wetland Resource Flyer**

*Ellen McBride/ Jessica Gerke*

### **Sustainable Landscape Handbook Endorsement**

*Towns of Stoneham, Arlington and Winchester*

*Erin Wortman*

Application accelerating climate resiliency(acr) thru MAPC to fund interventions to lead to greater readiness for climate change. Concord has sustainable landscape handbook. Stoneham has different demographic, multi family dwellings are high, 1/3 residents rent, Erin Wortman wanted to be sure landscape companies, mixed use, residential properties are included. Yards don't have to just be grass, can be designed, native species, drainage issues, choosing plants that meet your site conditions. Trainings, community engagement, sustainable certification all part of plan.

Bob Parsons likes idea, regional project attractive with granting authorities. Public outreach and handbook not regulation or requirement? Erin Wortman agrees.

Alex Rozycki thought it looked great, happy to support.

Arlington and Winchester supported letter of interest and they were asked to include third community per Ms. Wortman.

Grant opportunity for regional plan asked Mr. Parsons? Erin Wortman responds vision can be a tool for like communities. Bob Parsons says like MS4 were taking on project for resource area to south of high school but to have a municipal parcel as demonstration project is exciting.

Erin Wortman would like to see municipal lens, like training to occur within facilities, DPW. January –December 2023 grant. Application will be submitted this week.

Bob Parsons asks about storm water requirements – Mystic River Watershed sent letter of support, this is consistent with goals and mission.

Alex Rozycki mentions handbook having map for wetlands/streams in Stoneham. Leaf litter loaded with phosphorus mentions in response to Ms. McBride's comment about not raking.

Ellen McBride responds we have been asking for map from GIS of wetlands. Supports this effort and coincidentally letter to Stoneham to educate folks about wetlands and Conservation. Stoneham is 1/3 green and wetlands need to be protected. Don't rake, better for environment, sustainable landscape. CPA should be adopted. DEP announcements severe drought continues.

**Bob Parsons motion to endorse letter to initiative Alex Rozycki seconds. Roll call yes**

Ellen McBride, Bob Parsons, Alex Rozycki, Domenick Cimina, Norman L'Esperance and Rob Fotino

6/0

## Miscellaneous

Whipple Ave – open meeting law requires us to post 48 hours in advance.

Kerianne Pelissier 16 ½ Whipple Ave backs up to Conservation land. October 2019 3 trees came down 20 feet from where she was sitting in house, \$15,000 homeowners' insurance, giant limbs, last Thursday another tree came down and took out 2 fences and a neighbor's garden fence. DPW was great helping out with his team. Claim going through for damage. Concerned with the amount of trees and tall trees, drought may cause them to fall, need to feel safe in their houses. Tom Brady Tree Warden with Brett Gonsalves, assessment findings haven't been received yet. Corrective actions that are recommended will be shared.

Ellen McBride asks who said trees were healthy? Jim Previte said tree was healthy, inside rotted pine and knocked down 2 maples. Mr. Pelissier has lived at 18 Whipple Ave, then 16 ½ Whipple Ave. and knows trees look healthy but may not be.

Report coming, identify sickly trees perhaps down to 10 feet. Brett Gonsalves is addressing, Cleveland will come out quickly to do fence repairs.

Keith's Tree came out to determine pricing, Kerianne Pelissier can send Brett Gonsalves pricing.

Ellen McBride asks about Butler for Mr. Brady, paint mark on backside of 14 trees. State of decline. Report will be forwarded to Conservation.

Alex Rozycki asks about taking responsibility for Town trees that are threatening as a precedent. Brett Gonsalves needs to be mindful of financial burden of Town, case by case basis.

Bob Parsons how are these trees seen compared to trees as right of way. How does any Town evaluate condition of trees, especially those in proximity to damaging homes.

Brett Gonsalves said trees are evaluated the same as a Town tree, public shade trees tend to be smaller. Conservation trees are taller and more risk.

### **Approve Meeting Minutes September 19, 2022**

#### **Motion to approve by Rob Fotino, seconded by Norman L'Esperance**

Ellen McBride, Bob Parsons, Domenick Cimina, Norman L'Esperance and Rob Fotino 5/0 yes

Next Meeting Tuesday November 1, 2022

#### **Motion to adjourn Alex Rozycki seconded by Bob Parsons Roll call yes 6/0**

Ellen McBride, Bob Parsons, Alex Rozycki, Domenick Cimina, Norman L'Esperance and Rob Fotino