

TOWN OF
STONEHAM
MASSACHUSETTS

Town Hall
35 Central Street

Stoneham Conservation Commission
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STONEHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
OCTOBER 16 2023 WHIP HILL 7 PM

Meeting will take place at 1 Whip Hill Rd Stoneham MA 02180. Meeting will not be remotely accessible, but will be broadcast and recorded by Stoneham TV.

Attendance: Attendance 10/16/23: Jessica Gerke, Domenick Cimina, Charles Houghton, Megan Day, Richard Jackson, Alex Rozycki, Sebastian Robins, Rachel McComb

PUBLIC HEARING

7 Birch St #297-0415

Rachel Wentz McComb

Notice of Intent tree removal

Certified arborist recommendations are based on status of trees not likely to survive. Cutting off dying stem, series of pictures, removals of trees will be trimming with trunk remaining, invasive species vines cut from trees, want to keep trees from hitting house. Tree leaning towards house to cut stump below. Tree down and leave it wetland, wood in their yard will be removed, leave stump and cutting dead trees. Remove vines to save tree, declining ash and dead birch, recommendation to cut and leave trunk and root systems in place. Trunk in neighbor's yard has permission to remove, biggest risk to hit house. No way to save tree, leave root system. Will plant native trees and shade tree in front yard.

Jessica Gerke thanks for thorough presentation. Megan Day asks if it's all jurisdictional. Rachel McComb says within 25 foot of drainage easement. Alex Rozycki asks for 1:1 replacement, can be shrubs or blueberry bushes. Arborists can't enter with machines, no driving in a no disturb.

Sebastian Robins 531 Main ST, fully approves plan, directly behind. Trees are dangerous, Norway maples everywhere. Shade and privacy, native plantings, offers neighbor can go through yard.

Motion to close public hearing made by Alex Rozycki seconded by Richard Jackson. Roll call Richard Jackson, Domenick Cimina, Alex Rozycki, Megan Day and Jessica Gerke 5/0 yes

Motion to include erosion protection and issue order of conditions seconded by Megan Day Roll call Richard Jackson, Domenick Cimina, Alex Rozycki, Megan Day and Jessica Gerke 5/0 yes

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

19 Skyewood #297-0314

Charles Houghton

Request for Certificate of Compliance continued

Charles Houghton 19 Skyewood former owner Larry Maganzini. Surveyor flagged wetlands, substantial compliance. Jessica Gerke, Alex Rozycki and Richard Jackson did site visit. Motion to issue certificate of compliance by Alex Rozycki, Megan Day seconds Roll call Richard Jackson, Domenick Cimina, Alex Rozycki, Megan Day and Jessica Gerke yes 5/0 copy given to Mr. Houghton

DISCUSSION

Approve Meeting Minutes from September 18, 2023

Motion to approve meeting minutes by Alex Rozycki seconded by Megan Day Roll call Richard Jackson, Domenick Cimina, Megan Day, Jessica Gerke and Alex Rozycki 5/0 yes

Motion to adjourn by Alex Rozycki seconded by Domenick Cimina Roll call Richard Jackson, Domenick Cimina, Megan Day, Jessica Gerke, Alex Rozycki 5/0 yes

Next Meeting November 6, 2023 virtual