

Regular Meeting
Billerica Conservation Commission
July 24th, 2013
Town Hall, Room 210
365 Boston Road, Billerica, MA

ATTENDANCE: Commission Members Stephen Aziz (Acting Chair), Diane DePaso (Secretary), Peter Martell, Betsy Gallagher, Jack Bowen and staff members Adam Bossi (Director of Environmental Affairs) and Janine Depper-Nash (Senior Clerk)

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00pm

- I. 7:00pm – Public Comment** – no comments

- II. 7:01pm - WETLANDS PROTECTION ACT & BILLERICA WETLANDS PROTECTION BY-LAW WETLANDS HEARING** – Notice of Intent – Continued Public Hearing - Shawsheen Valley Vocational Technical High School – 100 Cook Street – DEP File No. 109-1214/Billerica File No. BBL-1214

Documents submitted:

- Standard 10: Illicit Discharge Statement
- Shawsheen VoTech Proposed Rain Garden
- plans titled Existing Conditions, Site Plan Proposed Conditions, Site Plan and Details Proposed Conditions, Drainage Plan and Details Proposed Conditions, prepared by Bergman & Associates, Inc., signed and stamped by Paul Bergman, dated 5-20-13, revised 7-22-13, Scale: as shown

The Director provided a brief update on the status of the NOI review at the time of the last hearing and peer review work that had been completed since that meeting.

Paul Bergman of Bergman and Associates, Mike Williams, KBA Architects and Shawsheen Tech Superintendent Charles Lyons attended. Mr. Bergman discussed and reviewed updates to the project plans and other NOI documents that had been made since the last hearing on the case. Mr. Bergman noted he had been in contact with the Commission's peer review consultant, Brian Dunn of MBL Land Development over the past week to ensure updates addressed concerns raised by the peer review and reported that in general, Mr. Dunn believed the updates were appropriate. The Commission and Mr. Bergman discussed the updated plans, focusing on

compliance with MA Stormwater Management Standards, feasibility and posting of snow storage locations and protection and enhancement of the “No Disturbance” Buffer Zone.

Mr. Bergman noted that Mr. Dunn’s suggestion to include a bio-infiltration / rain garden feature in northwest corner of the site to address Stormwater Standards 2 and 3 was workable but noted additional site investigation would be necessary to design such a feature. Superintendent Lyons and Mr. Bergman requested the Commission to include conditions in an Order of Conditions for a bio-infiltration design to be submitted, reviewed and constructed after design approval in 2014. Mr. Lyons noted various contract and budget concerns that precluded the school from finalizing the design now but stated the school would commit to including it as part of the project. The Commission was generally amenable to conditioning the bio-infiltration design and construction as discussed.

The Commission, Mr. Dunn and applicant’s team discussed the project as a whole. Mr. Dunn reminded the Commission that the project qualified as “redevelopment” under the Stormwater Standards and noted that as now proposed, the project would greatly improve stormwater management and Buffer Zone quality at the site. The Commission, Director and Mr. Dunn discussed special conditions to include in an Order of Conditions. The applicant’s team requested to close the public hearing.

MOTION: TO close this Hearing, sign and issue an Order of Conditions within 21 days, and to include special conditions as discussed. Moved by Commissioner DePaso, seconded by Commissioner Gallagher. Carried. All in favor.

7:56pm MOTION: TO adjourn. Moved by Commissioner Martell, seconded by Commissioner Gallagher. Carried. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane DePaso, Secretary

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