

**BOLTON INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING AND SITE WALK AGENDA
THURSDAY MAY 30, 2013
AT 8:00 AM
77 VERNON ROAD**

MEETING MINUTES

Chairman James Loersch called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. Present at the Special Meeting and Site Walk were Inland Wetlands Commission Chair Jim Loersch, Vice Chair Polly Silva, and Commissioners Jane Darico, Krista Edwards, and Ross Lally. Also in attendance were applicants, Anna Spencer and Michael Spencer.

A letter from the O'Donnells, 73 Vernon Rd. was presented to the Commission stating that the Spencer's had permission to do work in and around the stream bed on the O'Donnell's property.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Polly Silva, seconded by Ross Lally, to approve the Agenda as posted. Motion carried unanimously.

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. REVIEW OF SITE CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH WORK PROPOSED UNDER INLAND WETLANDS PERMIT APPLICATION #2013-7 – MICHAEL & ANNA SPENCER – 77 VERNON ROAD – FOR RESTORATION OF A STREAM CHANNEL AND DETERMINATION OF NEXT STEPS TO STABILIZE SITE

The meeting began with a site walk to identify the boundaries of the property, the flow of water on and near the property, the existing issues as raised in the application, and the proposed work as presented in the application.

After significant discussion, Commission members identified and raised three issues that they believe need to be addressed to fully address the flooding problems on the property and the issues raised in the letter of violation:

- 1) the water wash off from the road onto the driveway and lawn
- 2) the plans for the water coming through the pipe and along the stream on the applicant's property
- 3) the exposed soil, or more specifically, identifying ways to stabilize the exposed areas

To address the first concern, water wash off from the road, Jim Loersch will contact the Joyce Stille to request assistance from the town in reviewing this problem.

To address the second concern, plans for pipe and stream bed on the property, the group reiterated that the applicant needs to provide a plan that include the calculations and support for the proposed work. The plan should explore feasible alternatives and

clearly show how it will address the problem. It should be done by an engineering expert, and credentials should be provided.

To address the third issue, stabilizing the soil that is currently exposed, the group reviewed a hand drawn plan was presented to the Commission that morning with a rough drawing and description of this request. This request included working machine work in the stream, adding rip rap on the neighbor's side of the stream, and creating a berm on the applicant's side of the stream using dirt from other parts of the yard.

The results of these discussions were summarized as follows:

1. Approval was given to follow the steps laid out in the Notice of Violation, dated May 1, 2013. These conditions were clarified as follows.

It is acceptable to stabilize the area for now by:

- a. Hand grading the top soil alongside the stream from the top of the stream towards the house.
- b. Removing branches by hand or wheel barrel. (If considering burning, contact Town Hall to get a burn permit.)
- c. Removing stones from the dirt pile near the driveway and placing them into the stream bed. No other work may be done in the stream bed.
- d. Leveling the pile of dirt may by hand or moving it down (by hand or wheel barrel) to fill in the indentation left by machine equipment.
- e. Planting grass on exposed dirt.

It is unacceptable to do further work in the stream bed or to do further machine grading without a permit from the Commission.

2. Residents of both 73 and 77 Vernon Road must stop dumping branches along the edge of the stream bed. Existing branches and debris must be removed.

3. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Krista Edwards, seconded by Polly Silva, to adjourn at 8:55 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Polly M. Silva
Inland Wetlands Commission
Town of Bolton

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