



SHREWSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SHREWSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

MINUTES

Regular Meeting: April 18, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.
Attending: John Ostrosky; Martha Gach; Kenneth Polito; Christopher DeLauder
Absent: Jason Port
Also Attending: Andrew Truman, P.E. Town Engineer; Eleah Caseau, Conservation Agent
Location: Selectman’s Room, Shrewsbury Town Hall, 100 Maple Avenue, Shrewsbury, MA

Chairman John Ostrosky called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

1. Review and Approve Minutes

- a. K.Polito **M** to approve the following minutes. M.Gach **S**.
 - i. **V 3-0 April 16, 2019; V 3-0 December 17, 2019; V 3-0 February 16, 2021;**
 - ii. **C.DeLauder S. V 4-0 March 21, 2023**

2. Sign bills

- a. *No Bills to Sign.*

3. Meetings and Hearings – 7:05 P.M.

285-1959 **Continued Public Hearing regarding the Notice of Intent filed by Plug Power, 968 Albany Shaker Road, Latham, NY, 12110, for the construction and installation of hydrogen storage and compression system pad and associated tree removal and site work at 42-44 Bowditch Drive.**

Applicant has requested continuance to May 16, 2023.

285-1963 **New Public Hearing regarding the Notice of Intent filed by Steve Corriveau, 4 Greenleaf Farms Circle, Shrewsbury for the construction of a single family house and associated site improvements at 36 Olde Colony Drive.**

Brian Marchetti of McCarty Engineering is presenting.

This lot was designated through an ANRAD submitted to the town in 2017, and was confirmed by a Superseding Order of Delineation by Mass DEP and extended to 2026. The total property is around 6.95 acres in size. The driveway reduces elevation as it moves from the road to the home, and stormwater from it is captured via a pea stone diaphragm. A drywell is located in the backyard to catch runoff from the roof and foundation drain. Silt fence and straw waddles are proposed. B.Marchetti addressed comments from Engineering and Conservation Department.

M.Gach: How will the maintenance required for the pea stone diaphragm be passed along to future homeowners?

B.Marchetti: we submitted it as part of the stormwater report for the project, we’re not sure how that will be passed along to homeowner.

K.Polito: Asked about distances of structure and erosion control to wetland. What is the plan to restabilize slope as soon as possible to prevent erosion into the resource areas?

B.Marchetti: hydro seeding is planned, there is no detail of it on the plan though.

J.Ostrosky advised applicants to install an electrical transfer pump switch should the sewage need to be pumped up. J.Ostrosky also advised that drywell be installed exactly 1 foot below grade, instead of the approximation currently proposed.

J.Ostrosky advised that a barrier and signage be installed at limit of work edge to denote wetland. Discussion was had to define the condition for the barrier.

Public Questions and Comments

Ann Refolo, 38 Olde Colony Drive: asked that the possible vernal pool be considered and spring peepers, wood frogs and gray frogs have been heard or seen in the area. Flooding in the past has historically drained into the proposed construction area. Believes that the wetland has expanded beyond the wetland flags toward the southeast.

David Reier, 1 Morningside Drive: Expressed concerns about future flooding in the area as water is displaced.
J.Ostrosky explained the history of the property and the wetland delineation as it has been established.

Hearing Closed. K.Polito M to issue an Order with Conditions that stabilization be completed as soon as possible and that a permanent barrier be erected 5 feet outside wetland flags C8-C9. Also that erosion control measures be doubled on site and that top of dry well be installed at 1 ft. below grade. M.Gach S. Vote 4-0.

285-1953 *Continued Public Hearing regarding the Notice of Intent filed by Nicholas Soutter, 36 Old Brook Road, Shrewsbury for the construction of a retaining wall to stabilize and level the backyard lawn at 36 Old Brook Road.*

Applicant has requested continuance to May 16, 2023.

285-1956 *Continued Public Hearing regarding the Notice of Intent filed by Rashid Shaikh, 24 Sheryl Drive, Shrewsbury, for the construction of two single-family houses at 42 Sadler Avenue & 37-39 Melvin Avenue.*

Scott Goddard of Goddard Consulting is presenting. Also present is Rashid Sheikh, project developer, and Bert Corey, project engineer.

S.Goddard reviewed changes to the plans over previous meetings. Both garages have been moved up and outside of flood areas through shifts on the property. The previously proposed louver systems for flood storage in the 'basement' area have been removed and the wall facing the stream been opened up so that water can flow freely into and out of it during flood events.

J.Ostrosky asked about the construction of the retaining wall across the brook.

B.Corey: stated that the walls are 'stepped' and approximately 4 ft. tall then the lower tier will be

Public Questions and Comments

Lee Bettencourt, Greylock Ave: Had questions about retaining wall abutting Greylock and whether or not water would be directed toward Greylock Avenue.

Hearing Closed. K.Polito M to issue an Order with condition that an As-built plan of retaining walls be submitted and that an inspection of erosion control and constructed retaining walls be performed prior to construction start. C.DeLauder S. Vote 4-0.

4. New & Old Business

a. Discuss/Sign Orders of Conditions, Determinations of Applicability

285-1959 42-44 Bowditch Drive- *Continued to May 16, 2023.*

285-1963 36 Olde Colony Drive- *Order of Conditions issued.*

285-1953 36 Old Brook Road- *Continued to May 16, 2023.*

285-1956 42 Sadler Avenue & 37-39 Melvin Avenue- *Order of Conditions issued.*

b. Discuss Enforcement

284 South Quinsigamond Ave

Conservation agent sent an update letter to Homeowners advising that they attend next Commission meeting to provide update on enforcement progress.

29 Redland Street

Conservation agent sent an update letter to Homeowners advising that they attend next Commission meeting to provide update on enforcement progress.

23 Bayview Drive

E.Caseau gave an overview of correspondence with the homeowner and the existing conditions on the site. Discussion was had about the continued request for a cease and desist.

c. Discuss/Sign Certificates of Compliance

285-1857 620 Hartford Turnpike- COC Issued.

Representatives of the project gave an overview of the completion of the project.

d. Discuss Designee to the Community Preservation Committee

- i. Martha Gach volunteered to continue serving as the designee on the committee
 - i. K.Polito **M.** C.DeLauder **S. Vote 4-0.**

e. Review and Approve Conservation Bylaw Draft

- i. A.Truman will present the bylaw draft to town meeting.

K.Polito **M** to adjourn, M.Gach **S. Vote 4-0.**

Chairman Ostrosky adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Eleah Caseau, Conservation Agent. May 2023.