

The Falmouth Conservation Commission
MEETING MINUTES - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2020
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Falmouth Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Present: Jamie Mathews, Chair
Russell Robbins, Acting Chair
Betsy Gladfelter
Maurie Harlow-Hawkes
Courtney Bird
Steve Patton
Peter Walsh, Alternate
Kevin O'Brien, Alternate
Jennifer Lincoln, Administrator
Kevin Newton, Agent

Absent: Mark Gurnee

Mr. Mathews opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Mr. Mathews called Peter Walsh up to the quorum.

VOTE MINUTES

REQUEST FOR A CONTINUANCE UNDER A NOTICE OF INTENT

John Mullen, 410 Surf Drive, Falmouth, MA – For permission to raze existing pilings and horizontal structural members and construct a cabana with associated utilities and to install a sewage tight tank.

Ms. Gladfelter: At the request of the applicant I move to continue the hearing until March 4, 2020.
Ms. Harlow-Hawkes: Second.
Mr. Mathews: Unanimous, so moved.

REQUEST FOR A CONTINUANCE FOR AN ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF RESOURCE AREA DELINEATION

Robert Sullivan, Wings Pond LLC, 63 North Falmouth Highway, Falmouth, MA – Request for confirmation of the following resource area boundaries: isolated land subject to flooding/freshwater wetland.

Ms. Harlow-Hawkes: At the request of the applicant I move to continue the hearing until January 29, 2020.
Mr. Bird: Second.
Mr. Mathews: Unanimous, so moved.

REQUESTS FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY

Pat Sciuto, 7 Sandpiper Circle, East Falmouth, MA- For permission to construct an addition within

the flood zone.

Mr. Newton: Jurisdiction: within flood zone AE12. This RDA is to construct a 16' x 35' addition to an existing dwelling. No other resource areas are located within 100 feet of the proposed construction. No mitigation is required. Staff recommends installing drywells to capture increased storm run-off. Staff recommends a negative 2 (under the State and the bylaw). Resource area boundaries are not confirmed by this RDA.

Mr. Bird: Move to accept staff's recommendation.

Ms. Harlow-Hawkes: Second.

Mr. Mathews: Unanimous, so moved.

Rick Swain, 100 Edgewater Drive East, East Falmouth, MA- For permission to remediate soil and ground water contaminated from heating fuel released from an above ground storage tank.

Mr. Newton: Jurisdiction: within 100ft resource area buffer to a salt marsh, land under water bodies, coastal bank and within flood zone AE 13. This RDA is to remove impacted soil (estimated 150 cubic yards) from beneath the dwelling and outside the building footprint. A 6500 CFM vacuum truck will be used to remove impacted soil and soil will be contained in closed vacuum boxes. Impacted soils will be transported off-site to a thermal recycling center. Non-impacted soil stored on site will be covered with poly sheeting to prevent run off. 15 support piers will be installed to support the foundation during soil remediation. Groundwater will be pumped and removed during soil excavation and disposed off-site. Erosion control barriers will be installed between the dwelling and Child's River prior to start of construction. An Initial Estimate for the Scope of Work has been submitted outlining phases of the clean up. Staff recommends a negative 2 (under the State and the bylaw). Resource area boundaries are not confirmed by this RDA.

Ms. Gladfelter: Move to accept staff's recommendation.

Ms. Harlow-Hawkes: Second.

Mr. Mathews: Unanimous, so moved

Donald D & Mariana Matthews, 58 Lake Shore Drive, East Falmouth, MA- For permission to demolish an existing deck and stairs and to construct a sunroom and new deck.

Mr. Newton: Jurisdiction: within 100ft resource area buffer to an isolated wetland. This RDA is to remove an existing deck and stairs and construct a sunroom, deck, and stairs in almost the same footprint. 12 SF of the proposed deck will be constructed within the 100ft buffer zone B of a wetland 97' away. Zone A of the isolated wetland is naturally vegetated so no mitigation planting is required. The limit of work is established. Staff recommends a negative 2 (under the State and the bylaw). Resource area boundaries are not confirmed by this RDA.

Mr. Bird: Move to accept staff's recommendation.

Ms. Harlow-Hawkes: Second.

Mr. Mathews: Unanimous, so moved

Philip E Norment & Maureen A Shiels, 345 Shorewood Drive, East Falmouth, MA- For permission to construct an 8' x 12' shed within the flood zone.

Mr. Newton: Jurisdiction: within flood zone AE 12. This RDA is to construct an 8' x 12' shed on the street side of an existing developed lot. The proposed shed is located within the flood zone only. No mitigation is required. Staff recommends a negative 2 (under the State and the bylaw). Resource area boundaries are not confirmed by this RDA.

Mr. Bird: Move to accept staff's recommendation.

Ms. Harlow-Hawkes: Second.

Mr. Mathews: Unanimous, so moved

CONTINUED HEARINGS UNDER A NOTICE OF INTENT

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Ms. Harlow-Hawkes: Move to adjourn.

Mr. Bird: Second.

Mr. Mathews: Unanimous, so moved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Cronin, Recording Secretary