

**BEDFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Bedford Massachusetts**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**July 12, 2023**  
**Online Remote Hearing**

Present: Conservation Commissioners - Steven Hagan, Chair; Frank Richichi, Clerk; Lori Eggert; Davis Santos; Stacey Katz. Conservation Administrator Jeffrey Summers.

Absent: Conservation Commissioner - Deb Edinger; Conservation Administrative Assistant Stephanie Ide.

Mr. Hagan opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Hagan made an announcement to the Commission stating that Stephanie Kane had resigned from the Commission due to conflicting work schedules.

**Request for Determination of Applicability: 13 Norma Road**

Sarah and Justin Lacroix, the property owners, were in attendance to present the project. Mr. Lacroix stated that the project proposal is to install a 10' x 14' storage shed within the grass lawn backyard. The shed would be placed on top of a 2" gravel pad to help control moisture. The shed would be located within the 100-foot buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands.

Mr. Summers stated that during his site visit he determined that the MassDEP's online wetland interpretation appears fairly accurate. This would place the proposed shed location approximately 80 feet from the wetland edge.

A motion was made by Ms. Katz and seconded by Mr. Richichi to issue a Positive 2b, Negative 3 Determination.  
The motion passed 5-0-0.

**Request for Determination of Applicability: 14 Oak Park Drive**

This hearing was continued from June 14, 2023.

Sandra Brock, P.E., from Nitsch Engineering was in attendance to present the project. Ms. Brock presented a revised plan for the removal of the raised sand volleyball court and installation of the proposed pickleball court. The new plan proposes to create the pickleball court over the south side of the existing basketball court. While a small area of impervious surface and fencing would remain within the 25-foot buffer zone, the result is drastic further reduction of impervious surface overall. All pavement outside of the existing basketball court will be removed with these areas being seeded and allowed to naturalize. A 5-foot grassed strip will be maintained along the outside of the fence to prevent overgrowth from reaching the courts.

After questioning, Ms. Brock confirmed that all asphalt outside of the existing basketball court will be removed and that drainage flow direction will remain the same, although runoff volume will be reduced with the resulting increase in pervious surface area.

A motion was made by Mr. Richichi and seconded by Ms. Katz to issue a Negative 3 Determination.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

**Notice of Intent: 1 Railroad Avenue**

This hearing was continued from June 14, 2023.

The Applicant had requested further continuance of this hearing and it will be continued again to August 9, 2023.

**Certificate of Compliance: 180 Hartwell Road, #103-0157**

Mr. Summers stated that this project was approved in 1985 for a complete redevelopment of the property. The full project had never commenced; however, the construction of a footbridge spanning Elm Brook was completed as approved as an element of the overall project. The footbridge had recently been removed at part of a currently ongoing building replacement project at this location.

A motion was made by Ms. Katz and seconded by Mr. Richichi to issue a Certificate of Compliance.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

**Certificate of Compliance: 180 Hartwell Road, #103-0423**

Mr. Summers stated that this project was approved in 1997 to allow for ongoing general maintenance of the grounds including vegetation, pavement, and stormwater facilities. This location is currently being redeveloped due to an ongoing building replacement project.

A motion was made by Ms. Katz and seconded by Mr. Richichi to issue a Certificate of Compliance.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

*A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m. The motion passed 5-0-0.*

*Minutes prepared by Jeffrey Summers.*

*Minutes approved at the meeting of August 9, 2023.*