

TOWN OF LANCASTER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Prescott Building, Nashaway Meeting Room
May 28, 2019

Members Present: Nate Stevens, Chair; Tom Christopher, Vice-Chair; Don Chaisson; Shawn Corbett; Thomas Seidenberg; James Lavallee; Bonnie Smith

Members Absent:

Also Present: David Koonce, Conservation Agent

List of Documents:

- Conservation Commission Agenda for May 28, 2019
- VCA Animal Hospitals Notice of Intent plans
- Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2018; September 25, 2018; October 23, 2018

There being a quorum present, Chairman Nate Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Public Hearing – Notice of Intent; VCA Animal Hospitals, Inc.; 456 High Street Extension

Present: Arthur Allen, EcoTec, Inc., representing Applicant

Carl Hultgren, Quinn Engineering, Inc., representing Applicant

At 7:03 PM Chairman Stevens read aloud a Notice of Public Hearing thereby convening a public hearing to consider the Notice of Intent: VCA Animal Hospitals, Inc.; 456 High Street Extension.

Carl Hultgren, representing the Applicant, described the proposed project as reconfiguration and expansion of the existing parking lot, construction of associated stormwater management infrastructure, and replacement and covering of an existing walkway around the building. He said the project entails work in the 200-foot Riverfront Area to an unnamed tributary of the Nashua River, and also work in Bordering Land Subject to Flooding (100-Year Floodplain), for which a net increase in flood storage capacity is proposed. He also said that while a very small portion of the project (replacement and covering of the walkway) involves work in the 25-foot no-disturb setback from wetland resource areas under the Lancaster Wetlands Protection Bylaw, there will be no new encroachment toward wetlands beyond what already exists on the site.

Commission members had questions on stormwater management, erosion control, and construction sequencing.

Conservation Agent David Koonce said the hearing needs to be continued pending completion of the engineering peer review by the Commission's consultant Hayley & Ward.

At 7:33 PM Tom Seidenberg made a motion to continue the hearing to June 11, 2019. Bonnie Smith seconded the motion. No discussion. VOTE: 7-0-0.

Items for Approval and/or Signature

Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2018, September 25, 2018, October 23, 2018

At 7:40 PM Bonnie Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of September 11, 2018, September 25, 2018, and October 23, 2018. Tom Seidenberg seconded the motion. No discussion. VOTE: 7-0-0

Adjourn

At 7:43 PM Tom Christopher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shawn Corbett seconded the motion. No discussion. VOTE: 7-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
David Koonce
Conservation Agent