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BOARD: Conservation Commission bylaw subcommittee

DATE: March 3, 2022

TIME: 2:00 PM

PLACE: Town Hall Main Hearing Room

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Conservation Commission Chairman Larry Cohen, Vice Chair William Boivin, Planning Board member Barbara L'Heureux, Town Staff members Liz Bonventre, John Keeley and Eileen Coleman, member of the public and Bylaw Review Committee member Susan Kadilak

Approved at the Conservation Commission meeting of June 9, 2022.

Conservation Commission Chair Larry Cohen welcomed those in attendance and mentioned that this subcommittee meeting had been called to follow up on discussions at the Stormwater Bylaw Hearing at the February 27 Conservation Commission meeting.

Hearing: Discussion included the value of having a hearing for abutter input in construction of single family homes or additions. Some other towns require abutter notification in advance for all tear-downs. It was suggested that we add a requirement into the Bylaw that abutters be notified of a proposed project.

Thresholds: Eileen Coleman presented possible alternative language and thresholds such that project would qualify for a standard permit with a hearing only if there was to be 20,000sf of disturbance or a land-disturbing activity resulting in an increase of impervious area of more than 5% of the total area of the lot and for all commercial projects. An abbreviated permit would be issued for a land-disturbing activity equal to or greater than 5,000 square feet, but less than 20,000 square feet or resulting in an increase in impervious area of more than 5% of the total lot size. Eileen to provide current and alternative proposals in table form.

Trees: Discussions included - if one is only doing tree cutting, is that considered "land disturbance"?; regarding the requirement to mark all trees within the limit of work on a plan, with the suggestion made that trees in the zoning setbacks should be left in place, unless the applicant gets a waiver.

It was also suggested that a requirement that the limit of work be shown on the application plan also be required in the Bylaw.



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Meeting ended at approximately 3:15pm

Respectfully submitted by

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