

City of Beverly Conservation Commission — Meeting Minutes (excerpt)

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b) Potential Violations

i. Cont.: 16 Pond View Lane – [names redacted]

Michael DeRosa of DeRosa Environmental is present on behalf of the property owners. This potential violation entails an unpermitted stone retaining wall that was installed near the bank of an intermittent stream and a patio within the buffer zone to the bank. The Commission visited the site on September 28, 2024. The Commission required the property owners to hire a wetlands scientist to mock up a plan of the completed work and to flag the wetlands in anticipation of an after-the-fact RDA. The plan was to be submitted ahead of the December 17, 2024 meeting.

DeRosa shares site plans and photographs of the property, showing the retaining wall and patio and the areas of soil where [Owner 2]'s father has been manually removing Japanese knotweed. DeRosa explains that he proposes to seed the sloping area and cover with a thick layer of hay mulch, and given the steepness of the slope he wants to put fabric over top of the mulch to stabilize the area for the winter. DeRosa explains that he recommends the Commission issue a “friendly” EO so he can complete this portion of the work so the area can be stabilized quickly.

Bertoni and Squibb state that after visiting the site, they believe the completed work was an improvement and that they think it is best if the applicants finish construction of the wall as planned. The Commissioners decide to issue an EO for the seed work proposed by DeRosa to be completed as soon as possible. The EO includes the requirement that the applicants file an after-the-fact RDA to approve the work that has already been done on the wall and patio, including the completion of the wall and improvement of the landscaping.

Duffy: Motion to issue an Enforcement Order for 16 Pond View Lane requiring that an after-the-fact RDA be filed by April 15, 2024 [*sic* — 2025], to be addressed at the April 29, 2024 [*sic* — 2025] meeting (pending confirmation of the Commission's 2025 meeting schedule). Squibb seconds. Bertoni takes a roll call vote. Motion carries (5-0).

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