

Conservation Commission



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Sherborn Zoning Board of Appeals
cc: David Williams, Town Administrator

FROM: Michael Lesser, Chair
Allary Braitsch, Conservation Administrator/Agent

DATE: October 6, 2017

RE: Comprehensive Permit for "Sherborn Village"/59 N. Main – Peer Review Scope Issues

The Conservation Commission would like to clearly identify areas of interest and topics of concern that they request the peer reviewer focus their attention on in their review of the Notice of Intent for the 40B development proposed at 59 North Main Street (DEP File No. 283-0385).

This list of areas of interest is not meant to be exhaustive, but notes areas of immediate concern along with the review of stormwater management per DEP standards. One issue is whether the project design may change due to stormwater, septic, road width and other review and affect wetland issues and some aspects of reviewing the areas below.

- Review of Riverfront Area impacts and compliance with applicable performance standards per 310 CMR 10.58(4). Including an assessment of the appropriateness of proposed Riverfront Area Mitigation.
- Recommendations for best management practices going forward, related to the potential mowing (including a review of the appropriate frequency of mowing) or revegetation of the upland mowing within Riverfront Area, which has been discussed as potential Riverfront Area mitigation.
- Recommendations and input on buffer zone restoration and mitigation regarding invasive flora management, and native landscaping or field management.
- Review of functions and values of the jurisdictional area where work is proposed (not currently provided by the applicant) in order to compare these to the area and types of mitigation proposed to offset these impacts.
- Assessment of the need for a Wildlife Habitat Analysis for work within Riverfront Area, per page 3 the March 2006, Massachusetts Wildlife Habitat Protection Guidance for Inland Wetland manual, which states that “the entire Riverfront Area is presumed to be significant for wildlife habitat.”

Please contact our office about any issues with this request. It would be very useful to the peer reviewer to contact the Conservation Commission about these issues and the schedule of review work so that we can coordinate about the substance and schedule of our ongoing NOI hearing process.