

**Lenox Conservation Commission
Land Use Meeting Room
December 19, 2019
Minutes**

Members present: Chair Neal Carpenter, (NC); Joseph Strauch, (JS); David Lane, (DL); Rose Fitzgerald Casey, (RFC); Vince Ammendola, (VA); Dick Ferren, (DF)

Absent with Notification: Mark Smith (MS)

Staff present: Jessica Cote, Land Use Assistant

Others present:

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm by NC.

Request for Determination, 75 Sherwood Drive, Map 48 Parcel 17 – The proposed project involves replacement of current septic system with a new Title 5 compliant system. Due to land constraints the septic system falls between the 100 foot and 50 foot buffer zone.

- Site visit was completed on December 16th which included: Aaron Biasin, NC, VA and MS. DL went on his own.
- Aaron Biasin from Berkshire Engineering presented the new septic system to the Commission. Aaron explained the layout of the property including an intermittent stream and that there will be some clearing of trees to get back to the site of the septic system.
- DL motions to issue a Negative Three determination - work described in the Request is within the Buffer Zone, as defined in the regulations, but will not alter an Area subject under the Act. VA seconds. All in favor 6-0.

Other Business:

- Board reviewed the “planting plan” provided by Tighe & Bond in regards to the OOC for the property located at 140 Crystal Street.
- JS brought up the meadow near Lenox Shops has had a botanist that doing plant survey at the area. Jess Toro is being hired by the Lenox Woods condos to treat the invasives. JS received copy of report and will provide to the Commission. Ken Kelly from Lenox Land Trust wants to survey the area on Sunday December 22. JS let him know that there was a botanist out there all summer that has done the plant survey already.

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- December 5, 2019 - DF motioned to accept December 5, 2019 minutes. RFC seconds. Minutes approved with a vote of 6-0.

RFC motioned to adjourn the meeting and DL seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.