



City of Cambridge Conservation Commission

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Public Meeting – Monday, January 26, 2021 at 7:00 PM 147 Hampshire Street, Main Conference Room MEETING MINUTES

The following meeting minutes were taken by Tracy Dwyer and are respectfully submitted.

Present Commission Members: Jennifer Letourneau (Director), Purvi Patel (Chair), David Lyons (Vice Chair), Erum Sattar, Kathryn Hess, Elysse Magnotto-Cleary, Kaki Martin

Absent Commission Members: Ted Pickering,

Attendees: Tracy Dwyer, DPW; Jim Wilcox, DPW; Katie Barnicle, AECOM; John Twohig, New England Development; Sarah Lemke, New England Development; Tim Sullivan, Goulston & Storrs; Bob Daylor, TetraTech

Purvi Patel opened the meeting.

7:00 – Request for Determination of Applicability Cambridgeside 2.0 Galleria Mall

John Twohig from New England Development introduced the project, he stated that for two (2) years they worked on rezoning (December 2019) and special permits (December 2020). John told the commission that in the late 1980's they worked on building the mall and the opening was in the 1990's. Since then Sears and Macy's have both closed. They worked on their chapter 91 license and amended the license to include the Sears building, the upper garage. John explained that the work is just the façade on the Sears building that their will be no demo working.

Katie Barnicle from AECOM spoke to the commission and went through the slides. Katie explained that the Sears building, the Macy's building, the garage and the Lechmere were not in the floodplain. The work on the Sears building will only be façade work and there will be no demo. The work on the First Street will be out of the jurisdiction. Within the one hundred (100) foot border there will be minimal work, staging and recladding.

Katie explained that they would work with Jennifer and the commission to provide a construction management plan to show what work will be done. Katie explained they were looking for a negative determination because they thought no permits were needed for the type of work.

Purvi Patel asked if they were reviewing two Requests of Determination? Jennifer stated that this be one request for both projects. Jennifer stated that the team and her met with the Chapter 91 folks and they agreed one license was required with one filing.

Purvi then reviewed Jim Wilcox's review memo. Jennifer stated that the one hundred (100) foot buffers zone on the Request for Determination. Katie Barnicle agreed to include the information. Erum Sattar asked how the construction of the mall happened in the buffer zone?

Jennifer stated that she was not working for the City when the mall was built, but from past experiences if it was built to benefit the public, with resources for the public. John Twohig said back in 1980 the land was industrial and mudflats. They gave the canal and circle area and also park areas for the use of the public.

7:19 - Public Comment was closed.

Purvi said that language would be included for the construction management plan on number one and number three and the change of the sheet.

7:21 – Negative Request for Determination on number one and number three was unanimously approved.

7:22 – Administrative Topic

Meeting Minutes from November 16, 2020 were approved.

The next meeting will be February 8, 2021.

7:30 – Meeting Adjourned