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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes: Conservation Commission Meeting Date: January 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Champagne Meeting Room, 50 Carby Street, Westwood, MA

7:00 p.m.

The Conservation Commission meeting of January 24, 2018 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Champagne Meeting Room, 50 Carby Street with the following members present: John Rogers, Stephen David, Helen Gordon, Todd Sullivan and Charles Pare.

Approval of minutes – November 8, 2017, December 13, 2017 and January 10, 2018 – tabled to the next meeting.

Discussion Items:

1. Current significant projects – Islington Village – Ms. Catrone explains that the proposed plans will have some significant changes so she advises the Commission not spend too much time reviewing the plans.
2. Open Space and Recreation Plan – Visioning session February 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Catrone invites the Commission to attend this meeting.
3. Paperless meeting packets coming soon
4. Update on significant active OOC projects and violations –

295 Grove Street – Mr. Rogers states in May of last year it was brought to the Commission's attention that there was a violation at 295 Grove Street. It was requested that the owner attend the next meeting. At that meeting the Commission required a Notice of Intent be filed to restore the damaged wetland area. It is now January and the Notice has not been filed.

Present is John Tierney, owner of 295 Grove Street. Mr. Tierney states there was some confusion in the beginning as to what was required. He states he hired Art Allen in August to look at the project and produce a report but there were some hold ups. Mr. Allen is now working on the Notice of Intent for Mr. Tierney. Ms. Catrone states she spoke to Mr. Allen yesterday and this was confirmed.

Mr. Rogers states the violation was serious. We would like to get this resolved.

Mr. Tierney states Mr. Allen is working on a plan that will address the invasive Bittersweet, the drainage and the violation.

The Commission agrees they would like to see an NOI no later than March and the work completed no later than June. If this work is not completed by that time the Commission will discuss the issuance of a fine for this violation.

119 Blue Hill Drive- Ms. Catrone states the homeowner filled in a flood storage area without a filing. After some discussions with the homeowner she was told they would remove the fill. The fill is still in the flood storage area and will soon kill the trees that were buried. Ms. Catrone states she has not spoken to the owners in a while.

She states she will check in with them to get a date the removal is planned.

5. Discussion of wetland boundary markers

Action Items

1. Certificate of Compliance – 40 Willett Pond Drive – DEP #338-0375 – Ms. Catrone states she inspected the site and the work has been completed as proposed. She states there is bittersweet in a lot of the trees. The commission agrees they would like the Bittersweet treated prior to releasing the Certificate of Compliance. Ms. Catrone states the best time to treat is in the spring.

2. Certificate of Compliance – 161 Church Street – DEP #338-0578B – Ms. Catrone states this was a filing under the bylaw only. This Order was issued in June of 2016 for an addition, fence, and paved driveway with carport from Fisher Street, removal of two large unhealthy trees and plantings.

Present is Mr. Martins Lans, owner of 161 Church Street. Ms. Catrone states the project was constructed as proposed with the exception of the driveway and carport. Four (4) trees were required under the Order of Conditions and six (6) trees were plants. Ms. Catrone states the trees look very healthy.

Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Pare to issue a Certificate of Compliance. Unanimous.

3. Certificate of Compliance – 9 Fox Meadow Drive – DEP #338-0638 – Ms. Catrone explains this Order was issued 4/27/17 for only removal of trees on the lot. The removal was proposed so potential buyers would know how much land they could use on the lot. Before the work was started the lot was purchased. The owner is requesting a Certificate of Compliance to close out the Order.

Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Sullivan to issue a Certificate of Compliance for “no work done on the lot”. Unanimous.

4. Certificate of Compliance – 15 Fox Meadow Drive – DEP #338-0637 - Ms. Catrone explains this Order was issued 4/27/17 for only removal of trees on the lot. The removal was proposed so potential buyers would know how much land they could use on the lot. Before the work was started the lot was purchased. The owner is requesting a Certificate of Compliance to close out the Order.

Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Pare to issue a Certificate of Compliance for “no work done on the lot”. Unanimous.

5. Minor Modification – Highland Glen – RDA – Present is Jamie Pennington, from Highland Glen. He states we are nearing the end of our improvement project and the project is under budget. We would like to construct a patio as shown on the submitted plan. The patio is proposed within the buffer zone because this is the best place for this use. We did not feel the area in front would work for this purpose. He apologizes that their requests have been piece mail.

Nate Cheal of Tetra Tech is present and states the patio and walkways will measure 650 sq. ft. and will be flanked by a planting bed as well as a two foot wide strip of clean, crushed stone. To construct the patio, planting beds and gravel strip approximately 12” of top soil and subsoil will be excavated. The patio will be a four inch thick reinforced concrete slab set on an eight inch gravel base. One inch of rainfall on the new patio will create approximately 54 cubic feet of stormwater which can be completely stored and infiltrated within the crushed stone strip. The closest point of work is 45 feet from the wetland. Grades are shown on the plan.

Mr. David states he visited the site. This is the perfect location for the patio.

Mr. Pennington Jamie states we cannot use pavers for safety reasons.

Motion made by Mr. Pare, seconded by Mr. David, to approve this project as a minor modification to the existing Determination of Applicability.

Hearings

Notice of Intent –DEP #338-? – 150 Arcadia Road – McKay - addition – Present are Russ Waldron, wetland delineator, Heather McKay, owner, and Noff Papparizo, contractor, requesting an Order of Conditions to construct an addition in the rear of the existing house, an addition in the front of the existing house, enlarge the garage and driveway and add a second floor over the proposed garage. Mr. Waldron states he flagged the Bordering Vegetated Wetland. The increase in impervious is 1144.4 sq. ft. Erosion control is shown on the plan. The closest work to the wetlands is 11 feet.

Mr. Sullivan states with the over dig of the foundation you will be going into the 10 foot buffer.

Mr. Rogers states this work is very close to the wetland. In the interest of the Wetland Protection Act and the Westwood Wetland Bylaw you need to stay out of the 10 foot buffer.

Mr. Pare asks if the garage can be pulled up so it is further from the wetland.

Mr. David states the proposed garage is 28’ x 28’. A standard garage is 24’.

Mr. Rogers asks if stormwater is being considered. What mitigation could be done? You could possibly show a shallow dish rain garden, level spreader and/or granite posts to delineate the area. He suggests it would be wise to

go back and make some modifications to address the concerns of the commission. Water quality needs to be addressed.

Mr. Waldron states they can reduce the size of the garage to 24' x 28'.

Mr. David states the applicant needs to think about where the water is going to go.

Mr. Rogers asks if the applicant is putting in a foundation.

The applicant states they will need to excavate 3 sides of the foundation.

Mr. Rogers states you will need to address ground water.

Ms. Catrone states the GIS shows a perennial stream in the rear of the lot which is not shown on the plan.

Mr. Rogers states you need to flag the river, show a dewatering plan, reduce the size of the garage and make sure there is a firm boundary so there is no impact to the 10 foot buffer.

Mr. David requests the applicant show elevations and a staging area on the plan.

Louis Rizoli, direct abutter, states he is not against the plan but this project is very close to the wetlands. He states he has lived at 120 Arcadia Road for 40 years and it gets very wet. At one point we had fish in the street

Mr. Rogers request slope cross sections through the entire site and one in the front portion of the yard.

Mrs. Rizoli states she is very concerned for the wildlife.

Mr. Rogers explains the Commission is trying to do as much as possible to protect the interests of the Wetland Protect Act and the Westwood Wetland Bylaw.

The applicant requests a continuance to the February 14, 2018 meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Motion made by Ms. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to continue the hearing to February 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the request of the applicant. Unanimous.

Notice of Intent –DEP #338-0657 – 469 Summer Street – Dedham Country and Polo

The project includes the maintenance dredging of the manmade impoundment of Rock Meadow Brook at the 17th hole of the Dedham Country and Polo Club. The pond is proposed to be dewatered and mechanically dredged to restore the pond shape and volume. At the last meeting Mr. Toohill requested a continuance to allow the Commission to inquire whether DEP had any additional comments.

Ms. Catrone states DEP requested the memo dated January 2, 2018 from Mr. Toohill be reference in the Order of Conditions.

Motion made by Mr. Pare, seconded by Mr. David, to issue an Order of Conditions for DEP file # 338-0657 with the previously discussed conditions. Unanimous.

Notice of Intent –DEP #338-0654 – 405 Nahatan Street – Paparazzo

The applicant has requested a written continuance to May 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion made by Mr. Pare, seconded by Mr. David, to continue the hearing to May 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the request of the applicant. Unanimous.

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