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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes: Conservation Commission Meeting Date: May 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Location: Champagne Meeting Room, 50 Carby Street, Westwood, MA

7:00 p.m.

The Conservation Commission meeting of May 9, 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, Charles Pare, R.J. Sheer and associate member Vesna Maneva. Also present was Karon Skinner Catrone, Conservation Agent.

Approval of minutes – February 28, 2018 and March 14, 2018 – tabled to the next meeting.

Discussion Items

1. Land Trust – Lots 150, 151 and 152 Summer Street - Present is Karen Manor Metzold, president of the Westwood Land Trust. Ms. Manor Metzold states Lots 150, 151 and 152 have received Land Trust approval for preservation.

Motion made by Mr. Pare, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to support the Land Trust for this and other acquisitions. Unanimous.

2. Reynolds Farm -1561 High Street – Mr. Rogers states the Commission agreed during their last discussion that there is a lot of work to be done at this site. The town engineer is working on a punch list which must be reviewed by the Commission before it is made public. We have the residents list which will also be sent to BETA Engineering, acting town engineer.

Mr. David states the Commission understands the impatience of the residents. He states he has spoken with John Glossa of Glossa Engineering. Mr. Glossa is putting together a scope of work which will be reviewed by BETA Engineering. A cost to complete the project will then be decided on. Mr. Musto will contribute this amount to the town and a reputable contractor will be hired. Everything is in place right now. Town counsel and the town engineer are now working together. Mr. Musto has been cooperative. To have this in two weeks may be very aggressive.

Ms. Baldassarre of 31 Reynolds Farm Way asks who will do the cross checking.

Mr. Rogers states BETA will be doing this.

Mr. David states the work should be completed under a tripartite agreement. It is important that the framework be done diligently. It is our hope that once we get this agreement in place, the work will happen quickly. If everything goes as it should, there will not be a problem.

Ms. Fiddes of 13 Reynolds Farm Way states this sounds like it is going well. Who will pay for this?

Mr. Rogers states we hope that Mr. Musto will pay for this. We know the alternative and do not want that.

It is important to get the right contractor.

Ms. Fiddes asks what will happen if Mr. Musto is unable to do this.

Mr. David states we all hope that the developer will come up with the money but you are asking a question that we really cannot answer.

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3. 80 Morgan Farm - DEP #338-0582 - Minor Modification - Petrozzi – Present is Lou Petrozzi requesting a minor modification for Order of Conditions #338-0582 which was issued June 9, 2014. Mr. Petrozzi states he is currently constructing the house at 80 Morgan Farm Road. He has a potential buyer who would like additional garage space. Also, he would like to add a tiered wall to the rear yard. The wall was proposed as a single wall in the rear. Everything else will be constructed as proposed. This lot is subject to the ten foot no-disturb. The land in the rear is owned by Hale. The Commission brings to Mr. Petrozzi's attention that he must request Planning Board approval.

Mr. Rogers explains the new roof area must be directed to the infiltration system.

Motion made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. David to approve the minor modification with the condition the new roof area is directed to the infiltration system. Unanimous.

4. 80 Morgan Farm - DEP #338-0582 – request for extension – Petrozzi – Present is Lou Petrozzi requesting a three year extension to Order of Conditions DEP #338-0582. The Commission agrees a three year extension should not be needed. A two year extension should be more than sufficient.

Motion made by Ms. Gordon, seconded by Mr. David to issue a two year extension for Order of Condition DEP #338-0582 with the condition the trash and debris be cleaned up and the erosion control is re-installed. Unanimous.

5. 81 Morgan Farm - DEP #338-0569 – request for extension - Petrozzi - Present is Lou Petrozzi requesting a three year extension to Order of Conditions DEP #338-0569. The Commission agrees a three year extension should not be needed. A two year extension should be more than sufficient for this project also.

Motion made by Ms. Gordon, seconded by Mr. David to issue a two year extension for Order of Condition DEP #338-0569 with the condition the trash and debris be cleaned up and the erosion control is re-installed. Unanimous.

6. 88 Morgan Farm - DEP #338-0566 – request for extension – Petrozzi - Present is Lou Petrozzi requesting a three year extension to Order of Conditions DEP #338-0566. He states this construction will not be started until 80 and 81 Morgan Farm Road are completed so a three year extension is necessary.

Motion made by Ms. Gordon, seconded by Mr. David to issue a three year extension for Order of Condition DEP #338-0566 with the condition the trash and debris be cleaned up and the erosion control is re-installed. Unanimous.

7. 83 Morgan Farm - DEP #338-0567 – request for extension – Petrozzi - Present is Lou Petrozzi requesting a three year extension to Order of Conditions DEP #338-0567. He states this construction will not be started until 80 and 81 Morgan Farm Road are completed so a three year extension is necessary at this site also.

Motion made by Ms. Gordon, seconded by Mr. David to issue a three year extension for Order of Condition DEP #338-0567 with the condition the trash and debris be cleaned up and the erosion control is re-installed. Unanimous.

8. 131 Bay Colony Drive – DEP #338-0632 – request to plant smaller diameter trees – Hennigan – Ms. Catrone states the owner of 131 Bay Colony Drive was required to plant 8' trees in his rear yard as replication for clearing in the buffer zone. Mr. Hennigan asked if he could plant smaller trees but more of them. The commission agrees the 8 foot trees need to be planted.

9. 5 Eldridge Place- violation for clearing in the buffer zone - Yerardi – Present is Joseph Yerardi. Ms. Catrone states she received a phone call that the owner of the property was filling in the rear yard. She states Mr. Yerardi has placed a large amount of fill in the buffer zone and extended a drainage pipe. The Department of Public Works and the Building Department are involved.

Mr. Pare states he does not believe the fill is good and he has created a 30 foot slope.

Ms. Catrone states there is also Natural Heritage on the property.

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Mr. Rogers states the compost sock is installed incorrectly. There should be two rows of larger socks at the bottom of the slope and a small one on the top of the slope.

Motion made by Ms. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Pare, to issue an Enforcement Order. Unanimous.

10. 105 Salisbury Drive – Qiao – Present is Lin Qiao and John Anderson. Mr. Qiao was required to attend this meeting for clear cutting within the buffer zone at 105 Salisbury Drive. Ms. Catrone states she shut down the job on Monday.

Mr. Anderson states there were two trees cut down; one was damaged in a storm.

Mr. Rogers states he asked Ms. Catrone to look at the soils.

Ms. Catrone states there is a finger of hydric soil but the vegetation in that area is upland.

Mr. Anderson states the owners would like to figure out how they can mitigate and have the yard they want.

Mr. Pare states the owners will need to get a consultant to put together a Notice of Intent.

Mr. Rogers explains the process. He states they should try to get on the June 13, 2018 agenda.

11. Hasloms Pond - Present is Alexis Hamdan. Ms. Hamdan states Hasloms Pond is designated conservation land. There is a stream coming from the pond that runs through her property and continues to Charles River. She explains when she moved in it was beautiful but approximately six years ago the existing dam was damaged when a tree fell. The town then tried to repair the dam. They built a spill way but it is failing and now there is pond water on Ms. Hamdan property. She states she received a letter from Mike Jaillet stating the town engineer and Norfolk mosquito control are working on this.

Mr. Rogers states we have been working on the Open Space and Recreation Plan and will soon be able to develop a Conservation Land Management Plan.

Ms. Hamdan states there is now a lot of algae in the pond. The town bylaw states that the town is responsible for maintenance of this land. She asks why is one pond is being cleaned and others not.

Mr. Rogers asks Ms. Catrone to call Norfolk County Mosquito Control for 186 Farm Lane and also look at what towns have done for Use and Maintenance Plans.

12. 34 Salisbury Drive – Ms. Catrone states the owners of 34 Salisbury Drive would like to fence their yard for their dog. There is a small stream that runs near the corner of the lot. How would the Commission like to handle this? The Commission agrees if a chain link fence is used in the area of the stream an RDA will not be required.

Motion made by Mr. David, seconded by Mr. Pare, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous.