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**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Minutes: Town of Westwood Conservation Commission Meeting**

**Date: June 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

**7:00 p.m.**

The Conservation Commission meeting of June 13, 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, Todd Weston, and R.J. Sheer. Also present is Karon Skinner Catrone, Conservation Agent.

**Approval of minutes** – March 14, 2018, April 11, 2018, April 25, 2018, May 9, 2018 and May 23, 2018 – tabled to the next meeting.

**Discussion Items**

**Action Items**

1. **Certificate of Compliance – 40 Willett Pond Drive – DEP #338-0375** - Ms. Catrone explains that this request was discussed last month. The Commission requested that the Bittersweet in the yard be removed before the Certificate of Compliance was issued. The Bittersweet has been removed and the owner will continue to work at removing the new growth.

**Motion made by Mr. David, seconded by Ms. Gordon, to issue a Complete Certificate of Compliance.**

**Unanimous.**

2. **Violation –105 Salisbury Drive – Clearing within the buffer zone** - Ms. Catrone explains that the owner cut trees and removed vegetation in the buffer zone right up to the stream bank.

Present are Xiao Yan and Qiao Lin, home owners, and their contractor. The contractor explains that the owners wanted to improve their yard and have an area for their children to play. He states he has sketched a landscape design on the plan along the stream and a nice buffer will be planted.

Ms. Catrone states hydric soils encroach into the middle of the side yard. The vegetation is not wetland. She states she is comfortable with the area remaining grass with a buffer along the stream.

The contractor states the front of the side yard is at a lower grade and is more important to plant.

The Commission agrees the buffer must be planted 50 feet from the house. The line should run parallel from the east side of the house. The proposed grade must meet the existing grade at the 50 foot mark. An NOI will need to be submitted. Three wetland boundary markers must be installed. A new sketch will need to be drawn.

3. **Violation – 5 Eldridge Place – fill in buffer zone** – Present is Joseph Yerardi, owner of 5 Eldridge Place and John Glossa of Glossa engineering.

Ms. Catrone states Mr. Yerardi was trying to expand his yard by bringing in fill which was placed within the 100 foot buffer zone. She states she does not believe he knew he was breaking the law.

Mr. Sullivan states he visited the site and does not think the fill should stay.

Mr. Rogers states the soil was dumped around the collars of the trees. These trees will not survive.

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The compost sock installed incorrectly. There should be two rows of sock installed at this site. The second row should be two feet down slope.

Mr. Yerardi asks if some of the fill can stay.

Mr. Sullivan states the best thing to do is get rid of the fill.

Mr. Weston states if this fill is not clean it may devalue your home.

Mr. Rogers states take out this fill and then come back to the Commission. We will work with you to come up with a plan that will work for both you and the Commission.

Mr. Sullivan states this soil should go to a proper land fill.

The Commission agrees an RDA would be appropriate for the fill removal.

Mr. Yerardi state he is working with John Glossa.

Mr. Rogers states Mr. Glossa can determine if the fill is clean.

The Commission agrees Mr. Yerardi needs to submit an after-the-fact Notice of Intent for the work that has been done and include any proposed work.

**Hearings**

**Request for Determination of Applicability – 15 Whippoorwill Drive- Peck** – Deck and Patio

Ms. Catrone states the applicant has requested a continuance to the June 27, 2018 meeting at 7:00 pm. because they did not send out the abutter's notices. This hearing must be continued.

**Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Sheer, to continue the hearing to June 27, 2018 at 7:00 pm. at the request of the applicant. Unanimous.**

**Notice of Intent –DEP #338-0655 – 295 Grove Street** – Replication plan

Present are Art Allen, Ecotec, Inc. and Jack Tierney, owner of 295 Grove Street.

Mr. Tierney was required by the Commission to replicate an area in the rear of his property that was cleared and filled.

Mr. Allen states the lot has been reflagged this year. The lot is approximately 2 acres. This site has been historically maintained. Mr. Tierney is trying to reestablish the land as agricultural. There was filling and disturbance in the areas shown on the plan. We will pull fill piles back and revegetate in these areas. We are proposing to day light the stream to compensate for disturbance. There is a small bridge as shown on the plan. It is noted on the plan that Mr. Tierney will continue to maintain the stream line by removing invasive plants.

Mr. Allen states the cut and dab method will be used to treat the invasive plants.

Mr. Tierney states a tree has fallen into the stream and is eroding the stream.

Mr. Rogers states we need to know that the channel restoration will work at the stream edge and up the slope. We are trying to find a net benefit.

Mr. Tierney states he would like to look at the pipe

Mr. Rogers states if you want to change the pipe we should look at that now. Maybe add something to slow down the rate and eliminate erosion.

**Motion made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Sheer, to continue the hearing to July 11, 2018 at 7:00pm at the request of the applicant. Unanimous.**

**Notice of Intent –DEP #338-0667 – Reservoir Road, Lot C - Walsh** – New construction

Present are Mr. Truax of GLM Engineering and John Walsh, Walsh Brothers Construction.

Mr. Truax explains Mr. Walsh is proposing only the construction of one single family home. The house will be located approximately 200 feet back from the end of Reservoir Road. The garage is front entry. There is a sewer easement in the rear of the yard. All proposed work is outside of the 35 foot buffer. There are 4 cultex chambers proposed on the site. There is an existing stone wall that runs through the site. In the area of the house the wall will be removed. No work is proposed on the other side of easement. Frontage is along the road.

Mr. Rogers asks if the delineation is accurate. Ms. Catrone states the wetland line is accurate.

Mr. David states there is standing water at this site all the time.

Mr. David explains the Commission should have test pit results.

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Mr. Sullivan states we cannot approve without these calculations. The amount of upland and the calculation for impervious, existing and proposed.

Ronald Sudduth of 38 Reservoir Road states he would like to see this passed because kids hang around it this area and litter. Also in the winter, the plows and large trucks cannot turn around.

Mr. David states this is a DPW and Planning Board issue.

Mr. Bowers of 54 Pond Plain Road states when he moved in, DPW did a project and the ground water was very high.

Ms. Gordon and Mr. David explain that work is allowed in the buffer zone to the wetland.

Mr. Rogers states ground water is a big issue

Mr. Sullivan explains the calculations.

Mr. Truax states it is the applicant's job to put the water back into the ground. He suggests a rain garden or infiltration system.

Mr. Bower states he does not agree that this will work.

Mr. Demovellan of 60 Pond Plain states he is concerned about all of the trees coming down for the construction of the house.

Mrs. Demovellan asks if once you get all the information for this project, is there anything that could change the size of the house.

Mr. David states the height of house falls under the jurisdiction of the building dept.

Mr. Demovellan asks what happens when they own the land.

Mrs. Demovellan states what happens is the water rises because of this.

Mr. David states the applicant has to establish that the water generated from this construction will not impact the wetland or the neighbors.

Mr. Sullivan states the applicant must document the ratio of wetland and upland on the lot.

Ms. Demovellan asks if there have been other projects proposed on this lot.

Ms. Catrone states not in the last 15 years.

Mr. Demovellan states we have walked here for many years and believe we are going to have more water.

**Motion made by Mr. Weston, seconded by Mr. Sullivan to continue to June 27, 2018 at 7:00 pm. to allow the applicant to show the information requested by the Commission on the plan. Unanimous.**

**Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation –DEP #338-0654 – Paparazzo**

Present is Mr. Goddard of Goddard Consultants. He states he is trying to get the wetland boundary confirmed.

Mr. Rogers states this is a very difficult site.

Mr. Goddard states there is a wetland line and a peer review of that line.

Mr. Rogers states the first peer reviewer had to call in a soil specialist. That reviewer asked that we make a compromise with Mr. Goddard. Ms. Catrone did not agree with the compromise.

Mr. Rogers suggests that Mr. Goddard come back with DEP data forms sheets for several locations along the questioned area.

**Motion made by Mr. David, seconded by Ms. Gordon, to continue his hearing to July 17, 2018 at 7:00 to allow Mr. Goddard to submit DEP Data Forms to the Commission. Unanimous.**

**Motion made by Mr. David, seconded by Ms. Gordon, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous.**