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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes: Conservation Commission Meeting Date: February 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Location: Champaign Meeting Room, 50 Carby Street, Westwood, MA

7:00 p.m.

The Conservation Commission meeting of February 22, 2017 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Champagne Meeting Room, 50 Carby Street with the following members present: John Rogers, Diane Hayes, Todd Sullivan, and Brian Gorman. Also present is Karon Skinner Catrone, Conservation Agent.

Mr. Rogers appoints Mr. Gorman as a full member to make a quorum for tonight's meeting.

Approval of minutes – Motion made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Gorman, to approve the minutes of February 8, 2016. Unanimous.

Discussion Items:

1. Open Space and Recreation Plan – Mr. Rogers commented ponds in town are overgrown, invasive plants are growing there and in uplands and trails are not being maintained. Nora Loughnane had indicated town staff would prepare a plan. It is too late this year to ask Town Meeting for money. We need to have a consultant prepare a plan. Ms. Catrone suggests Mr. Rogers speak with Nora Loughnane.

Action Items

1. Certificate of Compliance – 95 Tamarack Road - #338-0585- Ms. Catrone states she has not looked at the lot because the request came in so late. Ms. Hayes states she is not comfortable voting on this tonight. **Motion made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Gorman to continue this request to the next meeting so the Commission can do a site visit. Unanimous.**

2. Certificate of Compliance – 20 Skyline Drive - #338-073 – This is a very old Order. Ms. Catrone states she was unable to locate the file. It was archived before she started in Westwood. She states she received a letter from a landscape architect stating that the project is in significant compliance and a Partial Certificate was issued. This request also came in late.

Motion made by Ms. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Gorman, to issue a Certificate of Compliance with the condition that Ms. Catrone go out and look at site to confirm site conditions. Unanimous.

Hearings

RDA – 65 Willard Circle - Carter – Present are Toby Carter, contractor, and Mr. and Mrs. Ickes, owners of 65 Willard Circle, requesting a negative determination to construct a bump out addition to the kitchen and replace the existing deck. All work will be 68 feet from the wetlands. The distance from the

foundation to the edge of deck will be 10 feet as it is currently. The project will remain in the same foot print. The footings will be dug by hand.

Mrs. Catrone asks if the existing patio will be removed.

Mrs. Ickes states she would like to make this area lawn.

Ms. Catrone states the wetland is behind the fence and stone wall. The rear yard is flat to the fence then slopes down to the wetland.

Mr. Rogers states he does not believe there will be any significant negative impact.

Motion made by Ms. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to issue a negative determination with standard conditions. Unanimous.

Notice of Intent –DEP #338-0635 – 7 Little Boot Lane – Champion – Present are Deb Anderson representing the owners of the property, and Mr. and Mrs. Champion, also present. The applicant is proposing a 940 sq. ft., salt water, in-ground pool, spa and patio. Ms. Anderson states Powissit Brook runs along the north side of the property. The lawn extends to the bank. We are proposing 11 trees and 75 wildlife value shrubs as mitigation. A construction apron (1.5” to 2” stone) will be installed at the end of the driveway to prevent tracking of soil.

The Commission agrees they would like to see compost sock and orange construction fence instead of a straw wattle.

Mr. Rogers states the Commission has been requiring a drywell for pool maintenance and drawdown. The pool drain should be directed to the drywell. The patio will be pervious.

Motion made by Ms. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Sullivan to issue the Order of Conditions with the condition a revised plan is submitted showing the drywell and compost sock and orange construction fence. Unanimous.

Notice of Intent –DEP #338-0634 – 124 Country Club Road - Dedham Country and Polo Club –

Present are William Hall and Ryan Kenny. The applicant is proposing the installation of a sewer force main within the 200’ Riverfront Area and within Bordering Land Subject to Flooding. The project will involve directional drilling under an existing culvert. The area is currently lawn. The drilling will start outside the 35’ no touch area with erosion control no closer than the 35’ buffer zone line.

Mr. Hall states the county club currently has a septic system and we proposing a force main to a manhole and gravity from there to the street. This alignment is at the narrowest area of the wetland. They may add a spare sleeve in case there is a failure or an extra line is needed.

Ms. Catrone requests the applicant submit a construction sequence plan.

Motion made by Ms. Hayes, seconded by Todd Sullivan to issue an Order of Conditions with the condition a construction sequence plan be submitted and the extra pipe be shown on a revised plan. Unanimous.

Notice of Intent –DEP #338-0636 – 124 Country Club Road - Dedham Country and Polo Club –

Present are Mary Trudeau, wetland consultant, and Matt Powell, Greens and Grounds Superintendent. Ms. Trudeau states this project includes a large scope of work to replace the irrigation system. The course has 78 acres of altered land for 100 years. The wetlands on this plan have been used by the Commission in the past. The club is making this investment because we want efficiency. The upgraded system will include control of the sprinkler heads. Rockmeadow brook is Dedham Country and Polo Club’s water source which is approved by DEP. The cost is approximately \$3,000,000. The existing system is PVC pipe and has been experiencing many leaks and breaks. The new system will reduce water usage. If soils are saturated no work will be performed in that area until it dries out. Work in sensitive areas wetland areas will be performed in the dry season. We want to minimize vertical pressure because we need to grow grass. Heavy equipment will not be used. Construction should take approximately 4 to 6 months. Straw wattles will be used and moved as needed. The project will start in early August. The

existing pipes in the ground will be left in place. There are approximately 6000 linear feet of pipe. The laterals lines are 2" and the main lines 4". The lines will be installed 18" - 36" below ground. We do not need to go below the frost line because the lines are purged for the winter season.

Mr. Sullivan asked what about ledge.

Mr. Ryan states they will jack hammer with a bobcat.

The new system will have sensors, with controls at every sprinkler head, and the ability to change to hand watering.

Mr. Rogers states he has only one additional concern which is crossings. You may want to temporarily dam these locations. Ms. Trudeau states they typically use sandbags in this situation. Mr. Rogers inquires as to whether pest management is used.

Mr. Powell states we test often and try to minimize the amount of pesticide and herbicide used.

Motion made by Ms. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Sullivan to issue an Order of Conditions with the condition erosion control is installed, the commission is notified prior to work in sensitive areas and there is a preconstruction meeting prior to start of work. Unanimous.

Motion made by Ms. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to adjourn the hearing. Unanimous.

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