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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes: Conservation Commission Meeting Date: April 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Location: Champaign Meeting Room, 50 Carby Street, Westwood, MA

7:00 p.m.

The Conservation Commission meeting of April 26, 2017 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Champagne Meeting Room, 50 Carby Street with the following members present: Diane Hayes, Todd Weston, Charles Pare, Brian Gorman and R. J. Sheer. Also present is Karon Skinner Catrone, Conservation Agent.

Approval of minutes – Motion made by Mr. Pare, seconded by Mr. Weston, to approve the minutes of April 12, 2017. Unanimous.

Ms. Hayes, as acting Chairperson, appoints Mr. Gorman as an official member to make the quorum for this evening's hearing.

Discussion Items

1. Open Space and Recreation Plan – tabled
2. Presentation on Cultex systems – Charles Pare - tabled

Action Items

1. Extend RDA – 359 Summer Street – Keohane – On 6/9/14 the Commission issued a negative Determination to allow the owners of 359 Summer Street to install a 6' wide stone dust walking path around the outside perimeter of the existing maintained lawn area on their property. No existing shrub or tree vegetation was to be removed under the approved RDA. Ms. Catrone explains there was a letter received from a potential contractor requesting a one year extension to the approved RDA because the contractor wanted to do the work in drier weather.

Motion made by Mr. Weston, seconded by Mr. Gorman, to extend the RDA for one year to allow the path to be constructed in drier weather. Unanimous.

1. Certificate of Compliance – DEP #338-0565 - 126 Bay Colony Drive – The Order of Conditions required 12 trees be planted on the site. The applicant has planted many more than the required 12 trees. The plantings are healthy and the lawn is stabilized. Two infiltration systems are shown on the as-built plan.

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

2. **Certificate of Compliance – DEP #338-0572 – 7 Fox Meadow Drive** – Matthew and Catherine Lock are requesting a Complete Certificate of Compliance for 7 Fox Meadow Drive. Ms. Catrone states the Order of Conditions required an updated spread sheet of all impervious area created in the subdivision. The spread sheet has been updated and filed with the Commission's office. There were no plantings required under the Order of Conditions but the owner has planted many trees and shrubs. The lawn is stabilized. Three infiltration systems are shown on the as-built.

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

3. **Minor Modification – RDA - 20 Willet Pond Drive** – The Commission approved a negative Determination of Applicability on 3/22/17 for yard improvements. The applicant would like to add a landing to the deck stairs and a sitting area constructed of pavers. The Commission is given three options of the proposed work.

Motion made by Mr. Weston, seconded by Mr. Gorman, to approve the request for a 15.5"x 15.5" paver landing and a 15.5"x 23.5" sitting area. Unanimous.

4. **142 Alder Road – Administrative Stormwater review.** The homeowner created disturbance of over 5000 sq. ft. of land which requires an administrative stormwater filing to the Commission. A sketch plan has been submitted to the Commission's Office showing a water collect/infiltration area and the yard will be sloped toward this area.

Motion made by Ms. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Pare, to grant an Administrative Stormwater permit for 142 Alder Road. Unanimous.

Hearings

Notice of Intent –DEP #338-0640 – 80 Carby Street – Hale Reservation – Hale is proposing the installation of a 3 inch low-pressure force main from the office area to the new Fox Hill Restroom, approximately 1,500 feet, of which 450 feet fall within the buffer zone.

Ms. Catrone states she flagged the wetland area. The closest work will be 18.25 feet from the wetlands. Carlos Quital, engineer representing Hale, states there will be additional development. At that time the line will be extended further.

Mr. Quital states the roadway will be widened to install a 6" water main in the future.

We are proposing to run the sewer line along an existing path. Our intent is to stay in the pathway and have as narrow a trench as possible for a 3 inch pipe. We may have to take down a few smaller trees.

We are planning to go down 5 feet. One length of pipe will be dug and backfilled then the next length will be dug and backfilled. We will use a small rubber tire machine.

Mr. Gorman asks how many trees will have to come down. Mr. Quital states two (2) 4" trees. The rest of the trees to be removed are all smaller trees.

Mr. Quital asks if the Commission will waive the fee? The Commission agrees to waive the bylaw fee.

Motion made by Mr. Weston, seconded by Mr. Gorman, to issue a standard Order of Conditions.

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

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