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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**Minutes: Conservation Commission Meeting Date: November 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Location: Champagne Meeting Room, 50 Carby Street, Westwood, MA**

7:00 p.m.

The Conservation Commission meeting of November 8, 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, Stephen David, R. J. Sheer and Todd Sullivan.

Mr. Rogers, as Chairperson, appoints Mr. David as official member to make the quorum for this evening's meeting.

Approval of minutes – September 27, 2017 and October 11, 2017 - Motion made by Mr. Sheer, seconded by Mr. David to approve the minutes of September 27, 2017. Unanimous.

Motion made by Mr. Sheer, seconded by Mr. David to approve the minutes of October 11, 2017. Unanimous.

Discussion Items

1. Open Space and Recreation Plan – **in progress**
2. Paperless meeting packets coming soon
3. Future site visits
4. Update on significant active OOC projects and violations –
Reynolds Farm – There was a staff meeting this week to discuss the Reynolds Farm project. All agree that the drainage proposed on site must be completed before any further permits are granted.
5. Wentworth Conservation Area - Sadie Rogers - 35 Wentworth Street – Ms. Rogers is proposing a trail from across the street of 35 Wentworth Street (on upland area) to meet Railroad Ave. Ms. Rogers would like to put educational signs identifying vegetation throughout the trail. Ms. Catrone will flag the wetland area and assist Ms. Rogers with the plant identification.

Action Items

1. Certificate of Compliance – 75-85 Providence Highway – Present is Paul Silvia of Ayoub Engineering, representing Richard DeFusco, applicant. The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Compliance for 75 – 85 Providence Highway.
Mr. Silvia states all work is complete. Mr. Pare visited the site some time ago and asked that a jewt mat be installed on the slope between the gas station and the Budget Motel.
Ms. Catrone states there was a mat installed but the weave was too tight to allow regrowth. This mat was removed, the area seeded and a larger weave mat installed.

The Commission agreed at the October 11, 2017 hearing that slope needed to be stabilized, the topography of the slope should be shown on the as-built and a professionally written, stamped letter should be submitted as the letter of significant compliance.

Mr. Silva states these requests have been met.

Motion made by Mr. David, seconded by Mr. Sheer, to issue the Certificate of Compliance. Unanimous.

2. **Partial Certificate of Compliance – DEP #338-0630 – 51 Pine Lane** – Ms. Catrone states she inspected the site on 11/7/17 and found that the required trees have been planted on the site and the yard is stabilized. Ms. Catrone states she also found leaves from the yard blown into the wetland area, a woodchip pile very close to the wetland line and a large area of Bittersweet growing along the wetland line. If the Commission decides to issue the Certificate of Compliance this could be done conditional on the removal/management of invasive plants and removal of wood chips and yard waste. The infiltration system was inspected at the time of install.

Present is Steven Gagnon. Mr. Gagnon states he would like to bring in goats to eat the Poison Ivy and Bittersweet. He states he is requesting the Partial Certificate of Compliance to remove the erosion control.

Mr. Rogers states he would like the applicant to wait a year to give the trees a chance to grow, in which time he can remove the invasive plants from the site.

The Commission agrees Mr. Gagnon should come back to the Commission next year to request a Complete Certificate of Compliance. The applicant can remove the erosion control.

Hearings

Request for Determination – 45 Pine Lane – Power – driveway expansion – Present are Gregory and Cathleen Power, owners of 45 Pine Lane, requesting a negative determination to remove a tree and expand the driveway at 45 Pine Lane. The work is 42 feet from the wetland line. There is a street between the work and the wetland. DPW has approved the curb cut permit necessary to do this work. There are two catch basins in the street.

Motion made by Mr. Sheer, seconded by Mr. David, to issue a negative Determination of Applicability with the condition silt sacks are installed in the two catch basins, in the street, in front of the property. The Conservation Agent must be on site when the silt sacks are removed.

Unanimous.

Request for Determination – 11 Willett Pond Drive – Guidone – stone wall – Jay Guidone, owner of 11 Willett Pond Drive is requesting a negative determination to 1) place loose stone from the yard along the high water line to prevent erosion 2) add one light in a tree to illuminate the deck area 3) install electrical power to shed 4) excavation to remove 3 basement patio stairs and possible addition of a retaining wall and 5) construct a deck.

Mr. Guidone states he would like to do the above mentioned improvements. The basement entrance fills up with water during large storm events so he would like to remove three steps and excavate the access area and add a retaining wall. He states there is a bump out in the rear of the house which he would like to remove and add a deck.

Mr. Rogers states the electric lines and the bump out and deck could be done under this request but the excavation and rock wall should require a Notice of Intent.

Mr. Guidone states he spoke with Tom Palmer of Neponset River Watershed Association about the rock wall. Mr. Palmer gave his approval but he asked that Mr. Guidone check with the Commission.

The Commission agrees they would like a Notice of Intent for the rock wall and excavation projects.

Motion made by Mr. Sheer, seconded by Mr. David to issue a Negative Determination for the installation of the electrical lines, construction of the deck and removal of the bump out in the rear

of the house. The proposed excavation, retaining wall and rock wall project must be filed for under a Notice of Intent. Unanimous.

Notice of Intent –DEP #338-0? – 469 Summer Street – Dedham Country and Polo Club – Present are Ryan Kenny and John Deblois of the Dedham Country and Polo Club and Michael Toohill, of BSC Group. The project includes the maintenance dredging of the manmade impoundment of Rock Meadow Brook at the 17th hole. The pond is proposed to be dewatered and mechanically dredged to restore the pond shape and volume. The sediment has been tested for a variety of physical and chemical parameters, and the dredging plan is being reviewed by the MassDEP.

Mr. Toohill states the 17th hole pond has an approximate surface area of 18,000 sf. This pond was built as an impoundment of Rock Meadow Brook which runs through the golf course. Upstream of the pond the brook crosses under Summer Street, runs behind the 16th green in an open channel, and then runs under the 17th hole tees and the 24-inch-diameter reinforced tee box. The pond has its storage volume controlled by a small earthen dam and a flashboard outlet structure at the downstream end. The pond's current water surface elevation is approximately 119.6 feet and the spill way control elevation is approximately 118.6 feet; therefore, only the top 1 foot of water in the pond is available as storage. He states the pond is shallow and has been getting shallower. At this time we can only pull out a few boards for water control. Silt has built up in the pond. Small islands are showing up. This is land under water with bank. He states the club would like to dredge the land under water and get to the depths they used to be. We are proposing to pump water around the pond. We would like to remove 1000 cubic yards of earth from the pond. We are requesting permitting under the state for Water Quality Certification Dredging Authorization. We did a survey of the pond to measure the depth of the pond and where the sediment is. There is a table in the Notice of Intent. The removed material will be stored in the dump area of the club. This material has toxins but can be used if mixed with good soil. Lead and chemicals in the pond are caused by urban runoff. Most dredging is done during the winter or summer. Mr. Rogers states maybe this can be done when the season is done next year.

Ms. Catrone states there is a comment from DEP regarding the habitat in the pond during dredging.

Mr. Toohill state he will send Ms. Catrone the narrative that he sent to the Dedham Conservation Agent regarding the habitat. The Commission would like to continue the hearing to the next meeting to allow the Commission to review the material.

Motion made by Mr. Sheer, seconded by Mr. David to continue this hearing to December 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the request of the applicant and to allow the Commission further time to review the submitted Material. Unanimous.

Notice of Intent –DEP #338-0656 – 15 Fox Meadow Drive – GD Fox Meadow Drive- Present is Kristine Meaney of Site Design Professionals representing GD Fox Meadow Drive. The applicant is proposing the construction of a new single family dwelling within the 100 foot buffer zone of a wetland resource area.

Ms. Meaney states this lot was before the Commission several months ago for the removal of all of the trees outside the 35 foot buffer zone. (This work was not done.) At that time the Commission approved a planting plan. The approved planting plan is proposed on this revised submittal. Erosion control and infiltration are shown on the plan.

Ms. Catrone states pervious pavers should be considered for the patio and pool deck area.

Ms. Meaney states she has submitted the worksheet with the calculations of impervious which includes all of the developed lots within the subdivision. We have added drywells to compensate for the overage of impervious. With this credit we are 400 sq. ft. under the limit.

Motion made by Mr. Sheer, seconded by Mr. David to issue a standard Order of Conditions. Unanimous.

ANRAD –DEP #338-0654 – 405 Nanhatan Street – Paparazzo – This hearing was continued from the October 11, 2017 meeting to allow the applicant to clean up the flagging on site (there were several different colored flags marking the wetland line) and show the wetland on a plan to represent the line in the field. The applicant has requested a continuance to the December 13, 2017 meeting at 7:00 p.m. **Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Sullivan to continue the hearing to the December 13, 2017 meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the request of the applicant. Unanimous.**

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