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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes: Conservation Commission Meeting Date: December 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Location: Champagne Meeting Room, 50 Carby Street, Westwood, MA

7:00 p.m.

The Conservation Commission meeting of December 13, 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, Helen Gordon, Brian Gorman, Charles Pare and Todd Sullivan.

Approval of minutes – November 8, 2017 – tabled to the next meeting.

Discussion Items

1. Open Space and Recreation Plan – Ms. Catrone states the Open Space and Recreation task force met on December 6, 2017 to discuss the updating of the Open Space and Recreation Plan. All members of the task force were present. The next meeting of the Open Space and Recreation task force will be held in early January. The date is to be determined. Mr. Rogers states some of the lot sizes shown on the Open Space Inventory do not seem accurate.

2. Paperless meeting packets coming soon

3. Future site visits

4. Update on significant active Order of Conditions projects and violations –

Reynolds Farm – There was a staff meeting last 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.

Mr. David recuses himself from the meeting.

6. 321 Gay Street – request for installation of a fence - Present is Mr. David, owner of 321 Gay Street. Mr. David states he would like to sell the property. The potential buyer would like to put a fence around the rear of the yard. There is a swale running along the property line. He states during a discussion with Ms. Catrone regarding the fence, she mentioned raising the fence 4 to 6 inches to allow habitat to cross. Mr. Rogers requests Ms. Catrone draft a letter approving the installation of a fence with the condition it be raised 4 to 6 inches at crossing and 25 feet on each side of the wetland line.

Motion made by Mr. Pare, seconded by Mr. Sullivan to allow the fence with the condition it is raised 4 to 6 inches at the wetland and 25 feet on each side of the wetland line. Unanimous.

Mr. David rejoins the meeting

7. Membership – Mr. Rogers states Ms. Hayes has been made an associate member and Mr. David a full member. He states he has made a formal request to the Town Clerk for a new associate member.

Action Items

1. **Minor Modification – Highland Glen – RDA** - Jamie Pennington of Beacon Communities and Mark Forshell of Charles River Realty Investors are present requesting the installation of a new sign on the property. There is currently a sign in this location. The base of the new sign will be 3 feet deep, 2 feet wide, no more than 4 feet long and made of concrete. The work will take approximately a week. Compost sock and construction fence will be installed prior to start of work. The footprint of the new sign is similar to the existing sign.

Motion by Mr. Pare, seconded by Mr. David, to issue a Minor Modification to the previously issued Determination of Applicability approving the installation of the sign. Unanimous.

2. **Minor Modification – 110 Rock Meadow Road – relocate water tie-in.** Present are Mr. and Mrs. Farah, owners of 110 Rock Meadow Road. They explain the water line was cut and capped for the demolition of the existing house. This work is approximately 70' from the ditch. The water line that they connected to does not continue down the street and has poor water pressure. There is another line running next to this line that continues down the street and has greater pressure. Mr. Farah marks the location of the new tie-in on the approved plan.

Motion made by Ms. Gordon, seconded by Mr. David, to approve the relocation of the connection. Unanimous.

3. **Certificate of Compliance – DEP #338-0628 – 560 Oak Street-** Ms. Catrone states the infiltration system was inspected prior to backfill, the area is stabilized and three fir trees have been planted as per the Order of Conditions.

Motion made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. David, to issue a complete Certificate of Compliance. Unanimous.

Hearings

Notice of Intent –DEP #338-0657 – 469 Summer Street – Dedham Country and Polo Club

This hearing was continued from the November 8, 2017 meeting to give the Commission an opportunity to review the material presented by Mr. Toohill.

Present is Michael Toohill of BSC Group representing the Dedham Country and Polo Club (DCPC).

The DCPC is requesting an Order of Conditions to dredge the 17th hole pond.

Mr. Toohill states he would like to review the comments from DEP and discuss waiving the filing fees.

He states DEP discusses sediment standards which is the quality of soils removed. The DCPC did 3 transects through the pond and are still waiting to hear back from DEP on the quality of the soils. There were some hits from metals in the soils but if the levels can be brought down to standard level by mixing with clean soil DCPC may reuse the soils. These soils will be stored in the disposal area on the site until they have a use from them.

Regarding the water in the pond during dredging we will pump the flow around the pond then we can get in the pond mechanically. We will have to prune some of the surrounding trees to get equipment in the pond. The existing cart path will be used to transport the dredged material to the storage area. This area is a good place to dewater because it is dry. We may reuse this material or leave in storage area and use as cover. We will be removing 1000 cubic yards of material to make the pond deeper.

Mr. Pare asks about the benefit of this work.

Mr. Toohill states the pond is starting to develop islands. In some areas of the pond sediment is inches deep in other areas the depth of sediment is feet.

Mr. Rogers inquiries about the start date and time line of the proposed work.

Mr. Toohill states DCPC wanted to do the works this year but due to permitting that will not be possible. In the spring the habitat will be breeding. This brings us to fall. We would like to do the work in November or December but DEP is concerned about the turtles. Sumco will be doing the work. DEP would like the work to start on October 1, 2018. This would be difficult because October 1 is still peak season and cultural practices are also being done. We would like to start on October 15, 2017 with turtle and fish moving. Work will take 3 weeks to one month. We will do a sweep for turtles and fish in the morning and at lunchtime during the dredging process.

The Wetland Protection Act discusses protection of habitat. During the dredging some habitat may be lost but long term this work will benefit the habitat.

We are also looking at repairing the dam. If this work can be done we will come back and request an amendment to the Order.

Mr. Toohill states this is a Limited Project under 310 CMR 10.53(i).

We will use seed mix for bank stabilization.

The applicant requests a waiver of the fees. Ms. Catrone states the town does not want to waive the fees.

Motion made by Mr. Pare, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to continue to January 10, 2018 to allow the Commission to draft an Order of Conditions. Unanimous.

ANRAD –DEP #338-0654 – 405 Nahatan Street – Paparazzo

The applicant has requested a written continuance to the January 10, 2018 meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Pare, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to continue the hearing to the January 10, 2018 at the request of the applicant. Unanimous.

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