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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes: Conservation Commission Meeting Date: October 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Champaign Meeting Room, 50 Carby Street, Westwood, MA

7:00 p.m.

The Conservation Commission meeting of October 12, 2016 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Champagne Meeting Room, 50 Carby Street with the following members present: Charles Pare, John Rogers, Todd Sullivan, and Brian Gorman. Also present is Karon Skinner Catrone, Conservation Agent.

Review/update Agenda

Approval of minutes – September 28, 2016 – Motion made by Mr. Pare, seconded by Mr. Sullivan to approve the minutes of September 28, 2016, with changes. Unanimous.

7:00 p.m. – Call to Order

Discussion Items:

- 1. 103 Country Lane** – The new owner would like to remove 4 large cement blocks that were placed near the culvert by the previous owner. The blocks are approximately 2.5' x 2.5'. The Commission agrees they would like some documentation from the owner explaining the method of removal the owner is proposing.
- 2. 304 Clapboardtree Street** – Ms. Catrone states the owners of 304 Clapboardtree Street would like to place boulders at the edge of the limit of work to create a gentler slope. A cross section shows the approved slope at 32%. The slope with a fieldstone boulder edging wall will have a 26% slope. The Commission agrees this will not have an impact to the wetland.
- 3. 248 Grove Street** – Horse path through property – Present is Joanna Cook, owner of 248 Grove Street. Ms. Cook is inquiring whether the Commission would approve a horse trail from Harlequin Stables through her property to Grove Street. She states she would like the path to go through the wetland area on the east side of her property. The Commission agrees this is not the best place to create a horse trail. Ms. Cook explains the neighbors made the request to her so she will bring this information back to the neighbor.

Hearings

Notice of Intent –DEP #338-? – 131 Bay Colony Drive – Hennigan – Present is Paul DeSimone representing Mr. and Mrs. Hennigan. Mr. DeSimone states the owners of the property cut down trees and shrubs in the rear yard with the intent to extend their back yard. No work has been done since they received the Enforcement Order. The lot was flagged on April 18, 2016 by Ivan Szilassy. There is an isolated wetland in the center of the rear yard which does not meet the state's size requirement but is jurisdictional under the Town of Westwood Wetland Bylaw. Trees were also cut down on the neighbor's property. The plan shows 303 sq. ft. of filling of the wetlands. The owner is proposing to replicate 1000 sq. ft. Mr. DeSimone state the owner is proposing 48 new trees and shrubs.

Mr. Pare states Ms. Catrone and I have visited the site several times. We measured from the rear of the house (brick fireplace) to the wetland line which was 35 feet. We have also reviewed the planting plan and would like to suggest some changes. We would like the White pines, Poplars and Which Hazel shrubs to be replaced with similar plants growing in the area.

Mr. Rogers states he found the plan difficult to read. The proposed trees and shrubs sizes are small. The plantings should be equivalent to the trees that were cut down. The destruction should be acknowledged in the Notice of Intent. He asks that the applicant put together a proposal based on the Wetland Protection Act and the Westwood Wetland Bylaw. We will also need a letter from the neighbor stating their concerns are going to be addressed.

Mr. Pare states the rocks and stumps need to be removed from the site.

Mr. Rogers states we cannot waiver from the 35 foot setback. We need a report on the diameter of the trees cut, what plants are in the wetland (new planting should be the similar) and the plants that are in the roadside mix. The owner could also donate trees to the town if they do not want to plant all of them on their property.

The owners of 145 Bay Colony Drive are present and state they do not understand the wetland laws. Mr. Rogers explains the Wetland Protection Act and the Westwood Wetland Bylaw.

Motion made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Pare, to continue the hearing until October 26, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

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