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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes: Conservation Commission Meeting Date: March 23, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

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

7:00 p.m.

The Conservation Commission meeting of March 23, 2016 gathers at 7:00 p.m. in the Champagne Meeting Room, 50 Carby Street with the following members present: Charles Pare, Diane Hayes, John Rogers, Todd Sullivan, R. J. Sheer, Brian Gorman and Todd Weston. Also present is Karon Skinner Catrone, Conservation Agent.

Approval of minutes – January 27, 2016, February 24, 2016 – **Motion made by Ms. Hayes seconded by Mr. Pare to approve the minutes of January 27, 2016 and February 24, 2016. Unanimous.**

Discussion Items-

1. Certificate of Compliance – 314 Dover Road – DEP #338-0597 - The Order of Conditions allowed the owner to fill/level, landscape, construct two retaining walls and construct a patio in the rear of the yard. Ms. Catrone states she inspected the site today and it is stabilized with no impact to the wetland area.
Motion made by Ms. Hayes seconded by Mr. Pare to issue a Complete Certificate of Compliance. Unanimous.
2. Mr. Rogers takes a moment to welcome Mr. Gorman to the Commission and thanks him for volunteering.

New business

RDA– 230 Sycamore Drive – Howard – The homeowner would like to remove 11 trees in the rear and side yard. Ms. Catrone states the trees to be removed are unhealthy or very close to the house. She states she has reviewed the line and approves. The trees, which were mostly Oak, are marked. She recommends the Commission allow the home owner to remove the trees with the condition erosion control and orange construction fence to be installed prior to start of work.

The owner states Royer is doing the tree work and they advised him to check with the Commission.

Motion made by Ms. Hayes seconded by Mr. Weston to approve the tree cutting with the condition erosion control is installed and inspected prior to start of work. All impervious surf aces are to be kept clean throughout the duration of the project. Unanimous.

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RDA – 14 Thatcher Street – Krumsiek – Ms. Hayes recuses herself from this hearing. The home owner is proposing the installation of an in-ground pool, patio and fence 55 feet from the wetland line. The rear yard is relatively flat. The wetland is a finger that runs through the rear of the property and appears to be a trench dug in association with old farmland. Ms. Catrone recommends erosion control and orange construction fence be installed. It is made clear that the fence should be 55 feet from the wetland (not the pool).

Motion made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Weston issue a negative determination #3 with the conditions erosion control is installed and inspected prior to start of work, all impervious surfaces are kept clean throughout the duration of the project and a drywell is installed (for seasonal drawdown) and inspected prior to back fill. Unanimous.
Ms. Hayes returns to the meeting.

NOI – DEP #338-0620 - 8 Whippoorwill – Cox – This hearing was continued from the last meeting so the applicant could provide additional information. The revised plan shows an infiltration system. Calculations have also been received. The applicant is not present.

Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Sheer, to continue the hearing to April 13, 2016. Unanimous.

Amendment – DEP #338-0600 – 80 Carby St. – Hale – Present are Jay Walsh and Luke Norton requesting an amendment to Order of Conditions 338-0600 to allow Hale to remove the tree stumps on the dam.

Mr. Norton states on April 18, 2014 the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and the Office of Dam Safety (ODS) issued a Certificate of Non-Compliance and Dam Safety Order identifying the dam to be in poor condition and out of compliance. To address the deficiencies and bring the dam into compliance a two phase inspection and report was done. A Notice of Intent was submitted to the Concom in 4/15 to cut down the trees on the dam. This submittal is to remove the stumps and root system from the embankment.

Ms. Catrone states the construction sequence did not address replanting the disturbed areas. She recommends these areas are replanted and covered with straw. The erosion control and orange is still in place.

Motion made to issue an amendment to Order of Conditions # 338-0600 to remove the tree stumps and replant the disturbed areas.

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