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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes: Conservation Commission Meeting Date: September 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

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

7:00 p.m.

The Conservation Commission meeting of September 14, 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, Diane Hayes, Todd Sullivan, R.J. Sheer and Brian Gorman. Also present is Karon Skinner Catrone, Conservation Agent.

Review/update Agenda

Approval of minutes – June 8, 2016, July 13, 2016, July 27, 2016 – Motion made by Ms. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Sheer to approve the minutes of June 8, 2016, July 13, 2016 and July 27, 2016. Unanimous.

Discussion Items:

1. **258 Grove Street – Informal discussion** – Ms. Catrone explains the owner would like to divide the property and build a single family home on the new lot. The plan is showing a building block and possible septic system.

Mr. Rogers states they may not be able to get a septic system to work in this area.

Mr. Sullivan states this is their hardship. The engineer needs to design the project.

Mr. Rogers states the applicant must prove that they can build the house. They will need topography and soil information.

Mr. Pare states we could ask the owner if they would like to donate the land to the Conservation Commission.

Ms. Sullivan states they could keep 2 acres and donate the rest to the Conservation Commission.

The Planning Board had the following comment - The proposal to split the lot at 258 Grove Street into two lots requires an Approval Not Required (ANR) plan to be filed with the Planning Board. The application does not require a public hearing but the plan is due 5-7 business days prior to a scheduled meeting.

2. **131 Bay Colony Road Enforcement Order** – No filing received but engineer is working on this.
3. **Haslam Pond vegetation, dam and outlet** – The headwall has been replaced with a spill way and aquatic plants (in the pond) have been treaded. See Pictures.
4. **42 Mill Street pond vegetation, dam and outlet – DEP denial of ANRAD** – See attached documentation.
5. **Future East Street widening, bridge replacement, and stormwater system** – No new information.
6. **Stormwater approval forms – sign forms - 301-323 Washington Street, 14 Washington Street** – Forms were signed.
7. **Thatcher Street #14** - Ms. Catrone states the applicant, Mr. Krumsick, informed Ms. Catrone he was unable to attend the meeting due to an appointment. The contractor filled the rear yard possibly with the excavated pool material. The Commission would like to have all filled pulled back to 35 feet and create a 3 to 1 slope .
8. **Minor modification - 304 Clapboardtree Street** – Ms. Catrone states the applicant has submitted a last minute request for a minor modification to pull the house farther away from the wetland line. Mr. Rogers asks that the plan be put in next packet so the Commission will have time to review the changes.
9. **Request to remove erosion control at Norfolk Golf Course** – Ms. Catrone states there is an area of possible filling in the buffer zone. The Commission agrees that they should have to wait on the removal until we check the area that may be filled.
10. **Pine Street #51** – Ms. Catrone states the owner of 51 Pine Street has cut down several trees in the buffer zone. She states she has issued an Enforcement Order and Cease and Decease. Mr. Stephen Gagnon, owner, told her he will be submitting a Notice of Intent.

Action Items

1. **Certificate of Compliance – 6 Longmeadow Drive - #338-0531** – The Order of Conditions for this project was required for filling in the resource area. Ms. Catrone states she visited the site on 9/12/16. The vegetation appears to be healthy and diverse. She states she did not count all the plants because the area was very full. More plantings would overcrowd the area. There is some Bittersweet growing in the buffer zone (on the hill). The Commission may want to request the owner have it removed. She recommends the Commission approve the Certificate of Compliance with the suggestion/condition the owner continues to monitor the invasive species on the site.
Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Pare to issue the Certificate of Compliance with the condition the owner remove the Bittersweet and continue to monitor the invasive species on the site. Unanimous.
2. **Certificate of Compliance – Xaverian Brothers High School – 800 Clapboardtree St. – DEP #338-0550** – Ms. Catrone states this request was applied for on March, 2015 but there were some problems with drainage. She states she has visited the problem area several times during heavy rains. The problem has been resolved.

Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Pare to issue the Certificate of Compliance. Unanimous.

3. Minor modification – 63 Thompson Ave. – #338-0541- The applicant is requesting an after-the- fact minor modification for the installation of a hot tub in the buffer zone. The hot tub has been installed against the rear of the house on a paver patio. The Commission agrees they have no problem with the hot tub.

Motion made by Ms. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Sheer to approve the minor modification. Unanimous.

4. Lots 15 and 16 Thompson Ave. – Mr. Rogers states these lots may have been filled and large stones thrown in the wetland. Erosion control needs to be readdressed. They possibly went back further then they should have.

Motion made by Ms. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Sheer to have wetland line back surveyed and put in stakes. If the area has been filled the developer will need to come before us with a plan to restore the area that has been disturbed.

5. Westwood Day. - do outreach in paper instead.

6. Dover Terrace #29 – Ms. Catrone states she received a request from a homeowner to remove a tree that has been hollowed out by insects. The owner has sent pictures for the Commission.

Motion made by Ms. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Pare to allow the owner to remove the tree. Unanimous.

5. Certificate of Compliance – 40 Allied Drive – Ms. Catrone states she inspected the site on 9/13/16. The site is very clean and vegetation is thriving. Catch basins are clean and maintenance reports have been submitted. There is a small area of Purple Loosestrife in the rear of the building and in the trench. This is being removed on 9/13/16 by the owner. I recommend issuance of the Certificate of Compliance is recommended with the suggestion/condition the owner continues to monitor the invasive species on the site.

Motion made by Ms. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Sheer to issue the Certificate of Compliance and request to owner monitor the invasive species on the site. Unanimous.

Hearings

RDA - 68 Birchtree Drive – Wasserman

The owner would like to replace the existing deck with a larger deck and remove some small non-native trees. The new deck will be 66.5 feet from the wetland line. Tree removal is proposed approximately 42 feet from the wetland line. Erosion control is shown but the type is not specified. I recommend a negative determination #3 with the condition a compost sock is to be installed prior to start work, impervious areas are to be kept clean at all times and all debris from tree removal is taken off site.

Motion made by Ms. Hayes seconded by Mr. Pare to issue a Determination of Applicability with the conditions 1) A compost sock and orange construction fence is to be installed and inspected prior to start work, 2) All impervious areas be kept clean at all times and 3) All debris from tree removal is taken off site.

Unanimous.

RDA – 322 Far Reach Road – Wong (After-the-fact filing) – This is an after-the-fact filing. The work has been started. The owner is repaving driveway, installing a generator, installing a propane tank to include gas line and fireplace. There is no scale on the plan but the work appears to be outside of 50 feet from the wetland line. Erosion control has been installed. Ms. Catrone states she recommends a negative determination #3 with the condition all debris be removed from site and all impervious surfaces be kept clean at all times.

Motion made by Ms. Hayes seconded by Mr. Pare to issue a Determination of Applicability. Unanimous.

RDA – 182 Bay Colony Drive - (After-the-fact filing)

The owner has installed a hot tub on pavers in the existing pool area. I asked that they do an RDA so they would understand the close proximity of the pool is to the wetland line and that work within the buffer zone be filed for. I recommend a negative determination #3.

Motion made by Ms. Hayes seconded by Mr. Pare to issue a Determination of Applicability. Unanimous.

Notice of Intent –DEP #338-0624 - 401 Sandy Valley Road – Jaeger (Continued from July 27, 2016)- There was a site visit on 8/30/16. The owner has decided not to change the existing portion of the driveway to gravel. I recommend approval with standard site specific conditions.

Present is Rob Truax of GLM. He states he has revised the driveway to leave as pavement. He is showing a detail for a crushed stone driveway. It will be dense grade with crushed stone on top. The existing driveway around the rear of the house will be removed and grassed. One gravel parking spot was added.

Red area is the addition. Most of addition is outside of the commission's jurisdiction. A detailed planting plan was submitted.

All the paddocks will be removed.

Mr. Sullivan requests they leave as much as established lawn as possible.

All paved surfaces associated with this project must be kept clean at all times. All silt and debris should be swept up at the end of each work day.

Motion made by Mr. Pare, seconded by Mr. Sheer to issue the Order of Conditions with the following conditions: 1) Organic fertilizer must be used on the lawn in perpetuity. 2) Compost sock and orange construction fence are to be installed and inspected prior to start of work. 3) The existing paved driveway must remain throughout the project and used as a construction exit. 4) All proposed driveway removal must be done as the last portion of work. 5) All vehicles must exit the

property via this exit. 6) As much established lawn as possible must remain in association with the installation of the new gravel driveway in front of the property. All debris associated with this project, including paddock removal, must be removed from the site. `Unanimous.

Notice of Intent –DEP #338-? – North Beach at Noanet Pond – Hale Reservation –

Present is Eric Arnold and Scott Gavin. Mr. Arnold states they are proposing the construction of a retaining wall at North Beach to address problems with erosion. This was done on Noanet Landing. We will be working outside the 35 foot buffer. We will build wall as shown on the plan and backfill. Compost socks will be installed prior to start of work. Native plants will be planted on the slope.

Motion made by Mr. Sheer, seconded by Ms. Hayes to issue an Order of Conditions. Unanimous.

Mr. Rogers discussed the study for all town Conservation land. He states that Ms. Loughnane has begun the process of identifying this land. She is working on reading through deeds to determining what the restrictions are.

Mr. Rogers states we have to find lands we own and if there are restrictions related to these lands. Once we have a list we can potentially follow Framingham's document to develop a plan.

Mr. Gorman suggests we address larger bodies that we know we can manage.

Mr. Rogers suggest we make a request for assistance in caring for conservation lands.

The Commission agrees they would like Ms. Catrone to invite Mr. Collins of DPW to a meeting. We would like to discuss how the Commission can work with him and how we can get existing and previous open water bodies to be open water bodies again.

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

