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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes: Conservation Commission Meeting Date: June 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

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

7:00 p.m.

The Conservation Commission meeting of June 8, 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, R.J. Sheer and Todd Weston. Also present is Karon Skinner Catrone, Conservation Agent.

Review/update Agenda

Approval of minutes – May 25, 2016

1. **Informal discussion-Fox Hill Village – Bridge** – Present is Tony Amica, Heather Sweka and Daniel Baley for an informal discussion regarding Fox Hill Village. Fox Hill Village would like to expand but would need to construct a bridge to use the land. The bridge would span 100 feet. Mr. Baley would like to know if the Commission would work with the Association. The Commission agrees they allow a bridge if there was a feasible way to do it. The Commission also agrees that an invasive species management plan for Haslam Pond could be a great mitigation plan.
2. **131 Bay Colony Drive – Enforcement Order** – Nothing new
3. **Repaving in kind – 34 Southwest Park** – The Commission would like to see an NOI submittal for this work.
4. **Whitney Ave – Certificate of Compliance**- Mr. Rogers ask that Ms. Catrone check to see if there is a roadway order of conditions that is showing up when these titles are being searched.
5. **438 Clapbaordtree Street-** Ms. Catrone states the owner cut down a tree on the wetland side of limit of work. The tree was still there and noticeably unhealthy. The owner and contractor received a warning.
6. **Wentworth Street Conservation Land request** – Ms. Catrone states she received a complaint from a resident that there was a dangerous tree in the area. Mr. Rogers asks Ms. Catrone to speak with DPW about matter and see if they can take it down.
7. **Perry-Crouse Pond vegetation management** – Ms. Catrone states she met on site with Jeff Castellani of Solitude Lake Management. She is waiting for an estimate.
8. **Haslam Pond vegetation, dam and outlet** –Mr. Catrone states she has received several complaints on the stability of the dam. She will speak with DPW on this matter.
9. **42 Mill Street pond vegetation, dam and outlet** – nothing new.
10. **Future East Street Bridge replacement, road widening and stormwater system**- nothing new.

HEARINGS

RDA – Railroad right-of-way – Tec Associates – Ms. Catrone states there was recently a very similar RDA for railroad right-of-way vegetation removal. This will be done exactly the same. The applicator will only spray 4 feet out from the tracks.

The Commission agrees that this needs to be done for safety reasons.

Motion made by Mr. Pare, seconded by Mr. Weston to issue a negative determination #3. All in favor with the exception of Mr. Gorman. Motion carries.

RDA – 210 Providence Highway – Maney – Present is Marian Maney requesting a negative determination to install a post and rail fence, an irrigation well, and construct a small pergola approximately 22' x 38'.

Mr. Pare states he visited the site and found a tree cut and Japanese Knotweed cut and thrown in the wetland.

Mr. Rogers states we need to see a survey plan with topographical and property lines.

Motion made by Mr. Weston, seconded by Mr. Sheer to issue a positive determination which will require a Notice of Intent. Unanimous.

Patrick Casey of 141 Carroll Avenue states it will be nice to see the area cleaned up.

NOI –#338-0? – 427 Washington Street - Duffey –Mr. Sullivan recuses himself from the hearing.

Present is Patrick McCarty of McCarty Engineering and William Duffey, owner.

Mr. McCarty states this was a 5 unit building located at the corner of Marshall and Washington Streets. We are proposing a 2 family home with infiltration and plantings. There is a 3000 sq. ft. reduction of impervious surface.

Mr. Pare asks that the storm tech systems be separated.

The Commission requests the following be added to the plan

1. Compost sock with orange construction fence
2. The erosion control line be extended
3. Vegetation be defined on plan
4. Construction exit using 1 ½ “ to 2” stone (all vehicles must leave the site via this exit)

Motion made by Mr. Weston, seconded by Mr. Rogers to continue the hearing to allow the applicant to make the requested changes.

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