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**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Minutes: Conservation Commission Meeting Date: November 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Location: Remote Meeting**

**7:00 p.m. – Call to Order**

Ms. Maneva, acting chair for this meeting, states the Westwood Conservation Commission meeting of **Wednesday November 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.** is being held through Zoom due to the COVID-19 state of emergency and in compliance with the Governor's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law MGL C. 30A, §18 and the Governor's March 23 Emergency Order imposing limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place.

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The following members are present: Vesna Maneva (acting chairperson), Helen Gordon, John Rogers, Stephen David and Todd Sullivan. Member Todd Weston was absent. Conservation Agent, Karon Skinner Catrone was also present.

Ms. Maneva announces this meeting is being recorded.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Consideration of minutes for meeting of March 25, 2020, April 8, 2020, April 22, 2020, May 27, 2020, June 10, 2020, June 24, 2020 and July 8, 2020, July 22, 2020, September 9, 2020, September 23, 2020, October 14, 2020 and October 28, 2020 .

**Motion made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Ms. Gordon to accept the minutes of September 9, 2020, September 23, 2020 and October 14, 2020 and October 28, 2020 with changes. Unanimous.**

**Action Items:**

1. 83 Morgan Farm Road – Request for Certificate of Compliance – DEP #338-0567 – The Commission opened the action item and reviewed copies of the Request for Certificate of Compliance for 83 Morgan Farm Road, including the following:

a.. Letter of Significate Compliance dated October 7, 2020, RE: Request for Certificate of Compliance – DEP File #338-367 Giorgia Petruzzello, Supreme Development Inc. 83 Morgan Farm Road (Lot 8), Westwood, MA, including one (1) page;

b. Plan titled “FINAL GRADING PLAN LOT 8 83 MORGAN FARM ROAD WESTWOOD, MASSACHUSETTS PREPARED FOR SUPREME BUILDERS, dated 6/29/2020, including one (1) page;

Ms. Catrone explains she did a site inspection and the lot was stabilized and all of the downspouts were directed into the ground. She inspected the infiltration systems at the time of installation. The Order of Conditions required a plan be submitted showing 45 trees. This plan was never received. This condition could be met by showing the trees on the as-built plan.

The Commission agrees that the trees should be shown on the as-built plan and that would satisfy the Conditions.  
**Motion made by Mr. David, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to continue the hearing to December 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. and require the applicant show the 45 trees on the as-built plan. Unanimous.**

2. 270 Farm Road – Minor Modification – DEP - #338-0694 - The Commission opened the action item and reviewed copies of the Request for Minor Modification for 270 Farm Lane, including the following:
  - a. Letter requesting a Minor Modification dated September 29, 2020, re: #270 Farm Lane – Minor Modification from Heather McKay of H & N Custom Homes, 15 Hampton Ct, Walpole, MA 02032 including one (1) page;

The applicant is requesting a minor modification to construct a retaining wall from the house toward the rear of the property to allow continuity with the elevations of the house. Ms. Catrone states she inspected the site and the wall has already been constructed. No work has been done outside the limit of work and no trees were removed as a result of the wall.

**Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Sullivan to approve the minor modification and remind the applicant that a modification should be requested prior to work being done. Unanimous.**

3. 101 Willard Circle – Minor Modification – DEP -#339-0681 – continued from 10/28/2020 – Ms. Catrone states this hearing was continued to allow the applicant to notify the abutters of the change. The neighbors have been notified of this change.

**Motion made by Mr. David, seconded by Mr. Sullivan to accept the request for a minor modification to relocate the approved addition to the other side of the house.**

#### **Public Hearings:**

#### **Various locations – RDA – Keolis Commuter Services/MBTA – Vegetation Control on Commuter Rail Line**

Ms. Catrone states the applicant has requested a continuance to the December 9, 2020 meeting because he had other meetings to attend tonight.

**Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to continue the hearing to 12/9/2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the request of the applicant. Unanimous.**

**367 Fox Hill Street – Land Disturbance Notice of Intent – SMP- 047 – Sherborn Dev. -** Continued from the October 28, 2020 hearing.

Ms. Catrone states, at the October 28, 2020 meeting the Commission required a peer review of this project. The review has not been completed at this time.

**Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to continue the hearing to the December 9, 2020 meeting at 7:00 p.m. to allow the review to be completed. Unanimous.**

**42 Mill Street – Notice of Intent - DEP #338-0706 – Vinci – continued from October 28, 2020 at the request of the applicant.**

Ms. Catrone states, at the September 9, 2020 meeting, the Commission required a peer review of this project. The review has not been completed at this time.

**Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to continue the hearing to the December 9, 2020 meeting at 7:00 p.m. to allow the review to be completed. Unanimous.**

**472 Summer Street – Land Disturbance Notice of Intent – SMP- 048 – Anderson**

The Commission opened the public hearing and reviewed copies of the after-the-fact Stormwater Notice of Intent from Spruhan Engineering, P.C. of 80 Jewett St., Suite 2, Newton, MA 02458, including the following:

1. Stormwater Management Plan for 480 Summer Street, Westwood, MA dated November 9, 2020 including twenty-seven (27) pages;
2. Plan titled “480 (Lot 9) Summer Street, Westwood, Massachusetts STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN” by Peter Nolan & Associates, LLC, Land Surveyors/Civil Engineering Consultants of 697 Cambridge Street, Suite, 103 Brighton, MA 02135, including one (1) page;

Nether the owner or representative is present for this hearing. Ms. Catrone explains that this is an after-the-fact filing for a completed house which created over an acre of disturbance and has created a negative impact on the neighbors.

Ms. Gordon states she visited the site with Ms. Catrone and suggests there is a peer review done at the expense of the applicant. There are structures built on the abutter's property and there is erosion and flooding to abutters caused by this construction.

**Motion made by Ms. Gordon, seconded by Mr. David to require a peer review done at the expense of the applicant. Unanimous.**

**Motion made by Ms. Gordon, seconded by Mr. David to continue to 12/9/2020 at 7:00 pm to allow a peer review for this project. Unanimous.**

### **121 Cedar Lane – Notice of Intent –DEP # 338-0 –**

The Commission opened the public hearing and reviewed copies of the after-the-fact Notice of Intent submitted by Site Design Professionals, LLC, Civil Engineers of One Merchant Street, Suite 110 Sharon, MA 02067, including the following:

1. Plan titled "NOTICE OF INTENT PLAN 121 CEDAR LANE IN WESTWOOD, MA" by Site Design Professionals, LLC, dated October 19, 2020 revised November 9, 2020, including one (1) page;

Present is Kristine Meaney of Site Design Professionals, LLC representing Dean Sandonato, owner of 121 Cedar Lane. Ms. Meaney states the applicant is requesting a Notice of Intent to provide plantings/restoration for inadvertently removing trees from the 100 foot buffer zone of an isolated wetland. The applicant is proposing twenty (20) plantings and four (4) wetland boundary markers. The proposed plantings consist of ten (10) low bush blueberry shrubs, five (5) Red oaks and five (5) Norway spruce trees.

Ms. Catrone states the formula for replacement is one (1) tree from every 450 sq. ft. of disturbance. Some applicants have used four (4) shrubs for one tree.

Mr. Rogers states this filing is the result of a violation. The minimum replacement requirement should not be accepted. We need to find out what type and how many trees were out there.

The Commission agrees this replication plan is not acceptable.

Present are Julie and Bill Brett of 137 Cedar Lane. Ms. Brett states she and her husband are concerned about water runoff and privacy. The runoff is redirect toward our property due to the loss of trees.

Mr. Rogers states the water should be caught at the low point. Tree replacement would also help.

Mr. David states an arborist should be hired to address the identification of the cut trees.

**Motion made by Mr. David, seconded by Mr. Sullivan to continue the hearing to January 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. to allow the applicant to identify the type and number of removed trees and to present a plan showing much more replication. Unanimous**

**Motion made by Ms. Gordon, seconded by Mr. David to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous.**

### **Upcoming Meeting: 12/9/2020 REMOTE PARTICIPATION**

**Note: Agenda items and order subject to change**