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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes: Conservation Commission Meeting Date: January 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
Location: Remote Meeting

7:00 p.m. – Call to Order

Todd Sullivan, acting chair for this meeting, states the Westwood Conservation Commission meeting of **Wednesday January 27, 2021 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, 2020 Emergency Order imposing limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place.

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

Mr. Sullivan announces this meeting is being recorded.

Approval of Minutes:

Consideration of minutes for meeting of May 13, 2020, 2020, June 10, 2020, June 24, 2020 and July 8, 2020, July 22, 2020, December 9, 2020 and January 13, 2021.

Action Items:

1. 151 Briar Lane - Request for Minor Modification – DEP #338-0676 - Goldkamp

The Commission opened the action item and reviewed copies of the Request for Minor Modification for 151 Briar Lane, including the following:

1. Letter dated November 30, 2020, subject: Minor Modification to Permit No. 338-0676 Goldkamp Residence at 151 Brian Lane Westwood Massachusetts, including one (1) page;
2. Plan titled "CERTIFIED PLOT PLAN 151 BRIAR LANE WESTWOOD, MASSACHUSETTS, dated Nov. 7, 2018 revised November 5, 2020, stamped by Daniel A. O'Driscoll of O'Driscoll Land Surveying Inc., 46 Cottage Street, Medway, Massachusetts 02053, including one (1) page;

The applicant, Scott Goldkamp, is requesting a minor modification to remove the existing deck and footings and construct a sunroom with new footings within the existing limits of the footprint of the deck to be removed.

Mr. Sullivan asks if the roof runoff could be directed to an infiltration system.

Mr. Goldkamp states he does not have a problem with this. He states this room will be constructed on Big Foot Footings as required by the building department.

Mr. David states he has concerns about this being presented as a minor modification and setting a president.

Mr. Sullivan states he would like to see infiltration for the sunroom and the back half of the house.

Motion made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. David, to continue this hearing to February 10, 2020 to allow the applicant to make requested changes. Unanimous.

2. 45 Winslow Drive - Request for Certificate of Compliance – DEP #338-0693

The Commission opened the action item and reviewed copies of the Request for Certificate of Compliance for 45 Winslow Drive, including the following:

1. Letter of Significant Compliance dated January 4, 2021, RE: 45 Winslow Drive – DEP File #338-0693, signed by John Glossa or Glossa Engineering Inc., 46 East Street, East Walpole, MA 02032, including one (1) page;
2. Plan titled “DEP FILE #338-0693 #45 WINSLOW ROAD AS-BUILT PLAN OF LAND IN WESTWOOD, MA, dated October 27, 2020, stamped by Glossa Engineering Inc., including one (1) page;
3. Request for Certificate of Compliance – WPA Form 8A, including two (2) pages;

Mr. Sullivan explains he did a site inspection earlier today and found the sign in compliance with the Order of Conditions. All downspouts were tied into the infiltration systems and the lot was stabilized.

Ms. Catrone states she inspected the infiltration systems at the time of installation.

Motion made by Mr. David, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to issue a Certificate of Compliance for 45 Winslow Drive, DEP #338-0693. Unanimous.

Public Hearings:

7 Longmeadow Drive – Notice of Intent - DEP #338-0 – Barbieri

The Commission opened the public hearing and reviewed copies of a Notice of Intent filing for 7 Longmeadow Drive, including the following:

1. Plans titled “THE BARBIERI RESIDENCE 7 LONGMEADOW DRIVE WESTWOOD, MASSACHUSETTS”, SHEET L1, Dated 1/6/21 and “THE BARBIERI RESIDENCE 7 LONGMEADOW DRIVE WESTWOOD, MASSACHUSETTS”, SHEET L2, stamped by Hawk Design, Inc., of Sagamore, MA, including two (2) sheets;
2. Notice of Intent dated January 6, 2021 submitted by LEC Environmental Consultants, Inc. of 380 Lowell Street, Suite 101, Wakefield, MA 01880, including forty-two (42) pages;

Present is Richard Kirby of LEC Environmental Consultants, Inc. of 380 Lowell Street, Suite 101, Wakefield, MA 01880. Mr. Kirby states the applicant is proposed a patio, tree removal, plantings and a pollinator meadow. He states there is no formal stormwater design for this project. The runoff would flow over the lawn. Under the Commission’s tree removal policy we will be planting 21 trees. We are proposing a zone around the terrace to separate native plantings from non-native.

Ms. Maneva states she does not have a concern with the non-native, non-invasive plantings. She asks if the tree plantings could be more diverse.

Mr. Rogers states there could be a problem with runoff.

Ms. Maneva suggests adding scuppers to the plan.

Motion made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. David, to continue the hearing for 7 Longmeadow Drive to February 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Unanimous.

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

The Commission opened the public hearing and reviewed copies of a Notice of Intent filing for 121 Cedar Lane, including the following:

1. Plans titled “AMENDED NOTICE OF INTENT PLAN 121 CEDAR LANE IN WESTWOOD, MA”, Dated 10/19/2020, stamped by Paul Brodmerkle of Site Design Professionals, One Merchant Street – Suite 110, Sharon, MA, including one (1) sheet;
2. Notice of Intent dated October 21, 2020 submitted by Site Design Professionals, including twelve (12) pages;

Mr. Sullivan states this was continued from the last meeting to allow the applicant to make requested changes to the plan.

Present is Kristine Meaney of Site Design Professionals representing Dean Sandonato, owner of 121 Cedar Lane, also present.

Ms. Meaney states after the last meeting we redesigned the grading. The grading is now clearly directed toward 121 Cedar Lane. She also added a note that the grading is to be inspected by the engineer and the Commission prior to seeding.

Ms. Catrone shares her screen and displays the plan.

Ms. Meaney states the owners of 137 Cedar Lane have asked that the stumps left on their property be ground down.

Ms. Maneva states that she is satisfied with the planting plan.

Bill and Julie Brett of 137 Cedar Lane are present but are not audible.

Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to issue a standard Order of Conditions for 121 Cedar Lane. Unanimous.

472 Summer Street – Land Disturbance Notice of Intent – SMP- 048 – Anderson - Continued from 12/9/2020

Ms. Catrone states the peer review consultant, Nora Loughnane, director of Community and Economic Development, and Abby McCabe, Town Planner, met on site with the engineer representing the applicant and discussed the remaining work. Ms. Loughnane has requested the Commission continue this hearing to the March 10, 2021 meeting to allow the engineer to finish the plan.

Motion made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. David, to continue the hearing for 472 Summer Street to March 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Unanimous.

42 Mill Street – Notice of Intent - DEP #338-0706 – Vinci – Continued from 12/9/2020

Ms. Catrone states the applicant has requested a continuance to the February 10, 2021 hearing.

Motion made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. David, to continue the hearing for 42 Mill Street to February 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Unanimous.

The Commission requests that Ms. Catrone contact 217 Farm Lane and give them a cease and desist if it is necessary.

Discussion Items:

1. Commissioners' observations around town and next scheduled site visits
2. Current significant projects
3. Reserved for topics not reasonably anticipated to be discussed
4. Actively make buyers, property owners and realtors aware of WPA, wetland ordinance and stormwater ordinance
5. Brief Select Board on Concom and need for Conservation Land Management Plan

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

Upcoming Meeting: 2/10/2021 REMOTE PARTICIPATION