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**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Minutes: Conservation Commission Meeting Date: March 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Location: Remote Meeting**

**7:00 p.m. – Call to Order**

Stephen David, acting chair for this meeting, states the Westwood Conservation Commission meeting of **Wednesday March 24, 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: Stephen David (acting chairperson), John Rogers, Helen Gordon, Todd Sullivan and Todd Weston. Member Vesna Maneva is absent. Conservation Agent, Karon Skinner Catrone was also present.

Mr. David announces this meeting is being recorded.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Consideration of minutes for meeting of May 13, 2020, June 10, 2020, June 24, 2020, July 8, 2020, July 22, 2020, December 9, 2020, January 13, 2021, January 27, 2021, February 10, 2021 and March 10, 2021.

**Motion made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to table the minutes to the April 14, 2021 meeting at 7:00 pm. Unanimous.**

**Action Items:**

1. 270 Farm Lane – DEP #338- 0694 - Request for Certificate of Compliance – The Commission opened the Action Item and reviewed copies of the Request for Certificate of Compliance for 270 Farm Lane, including the following:
  1. WPA Form 8a, submitted by Stephen Rahavy, including three (3) pages,
  2. As built plan titled “Assessors Map 10, Parcel 23 DEP 338-0694 for 270 Farm Lane in Westwood, MA” dated 2/16/21, by RIM Engineering Co. Inc, P.O. Box 32, Mansfield, MA 02048, including one (1) page;

Present are Heather McKay and Onofrio Paparazzo requesting a Complete Certificate of Compliance for a tear down and rebuild at 270 Farm Lane. Ms. McKay states the lawn is stabilized, the markers are installed and the required plantings have been planted.

**Motion made by Ms. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Sullivan to issue a Complete Certificate of Compliance for DEP #338-0694. Unanimous.**

**Public Hearings:**

Carby Street Municipal Building • 50 Carby Street • Westwood, MA 02090

### **472 Summer Street – Land Disturbance Notice of Intent - SMP #338-048 – Anderson**

This hearing was continued from 3/10/21. At the 3/10/21 meeting the Commission requested the applicant retain a Wetland Consultant to address whether there have been impacts to the wetland resource area. The applicant has retained Goddard Consulting, LLC. The following information has been received by the Commission's office but has not been reviewed by the peer review consultant or the Commission:

1. WPA Form 3, submitted by Goddard Consulting, LLC of 291 Main Street, suite 8, Northborough, MA 01532, including thirty-five (35) pages;
2. Plans titled "472 SUMMER STREET WESTWOOD MASSACHUSETTS STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN", sheets 1 – 5, dated 3/18/21, drawn by Land Surveyors/Civil Engineering Consultants of 80 Jewett St., Suite 1, Newton, MA 02458, including five (5) pages;

Present is Timothy McQuire of Goddard Consulting and Edmond Spruhan of Spruhan Engineering representing Mr. Anderson, owners of 472 Summer Street. Mr. McQuire states he was at the site walk on 3/20/21.

Mr. Spruhan states that based on the feedback and stormwater plans they have designed a system with 10 stormwater units at the lowest point on the site.

Mr. McQuire states fill was brought beyond the 100 foot buffer. Goddard Consultants flagged the site and water shed plans have been provided.

Mr. Rogers states these plans are based on preexisting area not being forested.

Mr. Sullivan states some of the area was meadow.

Ms. Catrone states the NOI will be heard at the 4/28/21 meeting.

Mr. David suggests the Commission hold a site walk with the new plan this Saturday morning.

Mr. McQuire states the NOI was submitted today for after the fact work. The site has been flagged by my office. We have submitted a buffer zone stabilization plan.

Mr. Rogers states the existing conditions should be documented. The applicant should capture and store 2" of water. He states he is pleased to hear a Notice of Intent will be addressed.

Mr. David states we are making headway and going in the right direction but more work is needed.

Mr. Spruhan states he did the test pits. He looked at the swale. Maybe this swale could be larger.

Mr. David states he will try to work with the neighbors to get them involved.

**Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Sullivan to continue the hearing for 472 Summer Street to April 28, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Unanimous.**

### **42 Mill Street – Notice of Intent - DEP #338-0706 – Delapa**

Tim McQuire of Goddard Consulting is present and would like to update the Commission on the project. At their last meeting, the Commission voted to require that the applicant re-notify the abutters due to the number of times this hearing has been continued. This has not been done so the applicant cannot discuss the project.

### **590 Dover Road – Request for Determination of Applicability - LaCroix**

The Commission opened the public hearing and reviewed copies of the Request for Determination of Applicability for 590 Dover Road, including the following:

1. WPA Form 1, submitted by William and Kate LaCroix of 590 Dover Road, Westwood, MA. 02090, including four (4) pages;
2. Plans titled "FINAL AS-BUILT PLAN OF LAND IN WESTWOOD, MA", dated Dec. 4, 2020, drawn by Colonial Engineering, Inc., 11 Awl Street, Medway, MA, including one (1) page;

The applicant, Alex LaCroix is present and states he would like to remove five (5) trees from his side yard. He would also like to install two geothermal wells and tie into sewer.

Present is Dan Armstrong, representing Mr. LaCroix. Mr. Armstrong states tying into the sewer would result in decommissioning the septic system. Each of these projects will have minimal impact to the wetland. Compost socks will be placed around all work areas.

Ms. Gordon asks how deep are the geothermal wells. Is there any impact to the wetlands?

Mr. Armstrong states they go down 400 feet. It's a closed system so there is no impact to the wetland.

Mr. Rogers states that if the Board of Health does not let the applicant tie into sewer they need to come back to the Commission.

**Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to issue a negative determination #3 for 590 Dover Road contingent on the Board of Health allowing the applicant to tie into sewer. If they are unable to get Board of Health approval to tie into sewer the applicant must return to the Commission. Unanimous.**

#### 10 Old Stone Road – Request for Determination of Applicability – Aurelio

After-the-fact installation of generator

The Commission opened the public hearing and reviewed copies of the Request for Determination of Applicability for 10 Old Stone Road, including the following:

1. WPA Form 1, submitted by Michael and Ellen Aurelio of 10 Old Stone Road, Westwood, MA. 02090, including six (6) pages;
2. Plans - GIS pictures

Present are Mr. and Mrs. Aurelio, owners of 10 Old Stone Road.

Mr. Aurelio states we are looking for an after-the-fact approval for the installation of a generator within the 100 foot buffer. This work is complete. Erosion control was installed.

Mrs. Aurelio shares her screen.

Ms. Catrone states the generator is outside the 100 foot buffer.

Mrs. Aurelio states we would also like to remove one tree. We would need to determine if it is our tree.

Ms. Catrone states she recommends the owners have a survey done to be sure it is their tree.

Mr. David states he is uncomfortable making this decision without knowing who owns the tree.

**Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Sullivan to approve the generator installation for 10 Old Stone Road under a negative Determination of Applicability #3. Unanimous.**

#### 145 Dela Park Road – Request for Determination of Applicability – Hotra

Landscaping and regrading

The Commission opened the public hearing and reviewed copies of the Request for Determination of Applicability for 590 Dover Road, including the following:

1. WPA Form 1, submitted by Dave Gorden of Thunderchase Environmental, LLC of 42 Fisher Road, Dedham, MA 02026 including four (4) pages;
2. Plans titled "FINAL AS-BUILT PLAN OF LAND IN WESTWOOD, MA", dated Dec. 4, 2020, drawn by Colonial Engineering, Inc., 11 Awl Street, Medway, MA, including one (1) page;

Present are Jim Egan of Land Design Associates and David Gordon of Thunderchase Environmental.

Mr. Egan states we did a landscape design for Mr. Hotra, owner of 145 Dela Park Road. The bottom right corner is in the 100 foot buffer. We will be using 95% native plants. We are also using pollinator plant.

Mr. David states this is going to be beautiful.

Mr. Rogers did look at this site and agrees it will be beautiful.

Mr. Gordon, wetland consultant, states we are coming before you out of an abundance of caution.

Ms. Catrone asks if the applicant received the Planning Board comments.

Mr. Gordon, wetland consultant, states they have been received and we have replied to the Planning Board.

Susan Lenin of 41 Coach Lane states she has concerns regarding flooding. Will they be bringing in fill? There is a fieldstone wall.

Mr. Egan states whatever we do will improve the water flow. Most of the water is coming from the street. We will put down 6 inches or more of loam. Everything else will remain the same. We will be making the walking path a little higher.

Mr. Rogers states this should decrease the water in that area.

The Commission agrees they don't see anything negative coming out of this project.

Mr. David state if Ms. Levin sees large trucks at the site she can call Ms. Catrone and Ms. Catrone will come out to the site immediately.

**Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to issue negative a Determination of Applicability #3 for 145 Dela Park Road. Unanimous.**

**Ms. Catrone states she really needs the members review the minutes.**

**Ms. Gordon states she will look at them.**

**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

There was no discussion on the Discussion Items.

**Upcoming Meeting:** 4/14/2021 via REMOTE PARTICIPATION

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