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**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Minutes: Conservation Commission Meeting Date: June 9, 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 June 9, 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 Helen Gordon. Members, Todd Weston and Vesna Maneva 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, June 10, 2020, June 24, 2020 and July 8, 2020, July 22, 2020, December 9, 2020, March 10, 2021, March 24, 2021, April 14, 2021, May 5, 2021 and May 26, 2021.

**Motion made by Ms. Maneva, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to approve the minutes of the 3/10/21 meeting at 7:00 pm. Unanimous.**

**Motion made by Ms. Maneva, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to approve the minutes of the 3/26/21 meeting at 7:00 pm. Unanimous.**

**Action Items:**

1. **Stormwater Regulations Update** – Present is Phil Paradis of BETA Engineering to discuss updates to the stormwater regulations.

Mr. Paradis explains the history of the regulations. He states in 2014-2015 the stormwater regulations did not meet the states requirements. He worked with the town's land development group to bring the regulations up to requirement. The EPA has issued a new permit which requires the Commission make changes to the regulations to meet these new requirements. Mr. Paradis has also incorporated Mr. Rogers suggestions. Mr. Paradis points out we have changed the language to read Low Impact Development is required where ever feasible. He has also increased requirement for recharge and there are changes to allow off-site mitigation. The new standards for treatment must be in place by June 30, 2021.

Mr. Sullivan discusses a past project that had water table problems. He asks if we could have required the house be torn down and raised up higher.

Mr. Paradis states there should be a 2-foot separation from the bottom of floor and water table.

He adds, we are recommending a site soil test be conducted where infiltration systems will be constructed.

Mr. Paradis states we are removing the appendix on credits.

The Commission will review the updates and vote at the June 23, 2021 meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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2. **Tree City discussion** – Present are Julie Gervais, Steve Harte and Maria Constatini from the Westwood Environmental Action Committee (WEAC).  
Ms. Gervais states WEAC is concerned about the continued loss of tree coverage. We would like to formalize a tree planting program and explore becoming a Tree City community. She walks the commission through a power point presentation on becoming a Tree City community and explains the applications are due September, 2021.  
The commission discusses a tree fund and tree ordinance.  
The commission agrees they would like to have more discussions we WEAC regarding the tree fund and becoming a Tree City.
3. **Recess Way - DEP #338-711 – Minor modification - drainage** – Ms. Catrone states this request is being reviewed by the acting town engineer (BETA). The Planning Board has requested that the Commission continue this hearing so they can use the review done by BETA. The Planning Board will discuss this at their June 29, 2021 meeting. The applicant has agreed to continue to July 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.  
**Motion made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to continue this hearing to the July 14, 2021 meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the request of the applicant. Unanimous.**

**Public Hearings:**

**10 Orchard Circle – Notice of Intent - DEP #338-0 – Redlener** – continued from 5/26/21

Ms. Catrone states the Commission requested revisions to the plan. The applicant has requested a continuance to the 6/23/21 meeting at 7:00 p.m. because the revisions have not been completed.

**Motion made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to continue this hearing to the June 23, 2021 meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the request of the applicant. Unanimous.**

**100 High Street – Request for Determination – Westwood Pavilion - Withdrawn**

Ms. Catrone states the applicant has withdrawn this Request because the area they wanted to use as access is not on their property.

**Motion made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to withdraw the filing for 100 High Street as requested by the applicant. Unanimous.**

**229 High Street – Land Disturbance Notice of Intent - DEP #338-057** – continued from 5/26/21

Ms. Catrone states this filing is being reviewed by the acting town engineer (BETA). The review has not been completed. The applicant has agreed to the continuance.

**Motion made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to continue the hearing for 229 High Street to the June 23, 2021 meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the request of the applicant. Unanimous.**

**42 Mill Street – Notice of Intent - DEP #338-0706 – Delapa** – continued from 5/26/21

Ms. Catrone states the applicant has requested a continuance to the 6/23/21 meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**Motion made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to continue the hearing for 42 Mill Street to the June 23, 2021 meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the request of the applicant. Unanimous.**

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

**Upcoming Meeting: 6/23/2021 REMOTE PARTICIPATION**

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