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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes: Conservation Commission Meeting Date: June 23, 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 23, 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, Todd Sullivan, Vesna Maneva and Helen Gordon. Member Todd Weston was absent. Conservation Agent, Karon Skinner Catrone and acting Town Engineer, Phil Paradis were also present.

Mr. David announces this meeting is being recorded.

Approval of Minutes:

Consideration of minutes for meeting of May 13, 2020, May 27, 2020, June 10, 2020, June 24, 2020 and July 8, 2020, July 22, 2020, December 9, 2020, February 24, 2021, 2021, May 5, 2021, May 26, 2021 and June 9, 2021.

Motion made by Ms. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to approve the minutes of May 26, 2021 and June 9, 2021. 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 suggested revisions from Mr. Rogers. 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.

Mr. Rogers states he is satisfied with the changes.

Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. David, to approve the regulation changes and accept the updated Stormwater Regulations. Unanimous.

2. **Extension Permit - Dedham Street & I95 Exchange –DEP #338-601** - The Commission reviewed copies of the request for extension permit for the Dedham Street and I95 Exchange, including the following:

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

Letter to Karon Skinner Catrone, dated June 10, 2021 from Stantec of 65 Network Drive, Burlington, MA 01803, including four (4) pages;

Ms. Catrone states the order was issued on May 20, 2015 and extend to May 20, 2021. Due to COVID relief the extension was not required under June 15, 2021. As stated in the letter referenced above, the project is advancing but is not scheduled for completion until April 6, 2024.

Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. David to issue an extension order for 3 years. Unanimous.

3. **Certificate of Compliance – 53 Clearwater Drive – DEP #338-55** – Ms. Catrone states this is a very old Order and the file has been archived. A site visit was done on 6/21/21 and the lot looks great. There is a 10 foot vegetated buffer and the wetland does not appear to be impacted.

Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. David to issue a Certificate of Compliance. Unanimous.

4. **Certificate of Compliance – 26 Hedgerow Lane – DEP #338-650** – Ms. Catrone states the plan shows the replication area which is not included in this request and the wetland boundary markers have not been installed. She recommends the Commission continue this request until the replication area is removed from the plan or a reference is made stating this area is not a part of this request and the wetland boundary markers are installed. The Commission agrees the above tasks should be completed before this is placed on the agenda again.

Public Hearings:

Perry Crouse Pond- Request for Determination – Town of Westwood – Hydro raking

The Commission opened the public hearing and reviewed copies of the Request for Determination of Applicability for the hydro raking of Perry Crouse Pond, including the following:

1. WPA Form 1, submitted by Karon Skinner Catrone, Conservation Agent, including sixteen (16) pages;
2. Plans – GIS plans, including one (1) page;

Ms. Catrone states the Town of Westwood hydro raked Perry Crouse Pond in 2018 to remove invasive plants which were over taking the pond. This work is proposed as follow-up maintenance to the 2018 work. She explains Solitude Lake Management will be doing the work. They will remove the vegetation and place it on the island in the pond.

The Commission expresses concern with putting the invasive vegetation on the island.

Ms. Catrone states there is nowhere else to put it. She has spoken with the town and local companies and no one wants it. Also, the cost of removal would greatly limit the amount of work that would be done.

Mr. David states we should ask for enough funds for work and removal at Town Meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Sullivan to issue a negative Determination of Applicability #3 for Perry Crouse Pond with the condition the Town staff try to find an option of off-site disposal.

Unanimous.

10 Orchard Circle – Notice of Intent - DEP #338-0 – Redlener – continued from 6/9/21

Ms. Catrone states the Commission requested revisions to the plan. The applicant has requested a continuance to the 7/14/21 meeting at 7:00 p.m. because the revisions have not been completed.

Motion made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to continue the hearing for 10 Archard Circle to the July 14, 2021 meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the request of the applicant. Unanimous.

229 High Street – Land Disturbance Notice of Intent - DEP #338-057 – continued from 6/9/21

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 July 14, 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 6/9/21

Ms. Catrone states the applicant has requested a continuance to the 7/28/21 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 July 28, 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: 7/14/21 REMOTE PARTICIPATION

Note: Agenda items and order subject to change