

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES (approved 3/11/09)

FEBRUARY 11, 2009

Present: A. Goetz, Vice Chair
B.Dyer, R. Jones, K.Phelps

Absent: J. Wiley, Chair

Also Present: L. Hershey, Conservation Agent
P. Smith, Board Secretary

MEETING OPENED: 7:05

Vice Chairman Al Goetz ran the meeting in the absence of Chairman Jack Wiley.

DISCUSSION HALE TRAILER

Attorney Phil Macchi came before the board with a discussion regarding the status of Hale Trailer located at 32 Industrial Rd. This project came before the commission in 2005 as a Request for Determination and was issued a Negative 3 Determination.

Mr. Macchi explained that the engineering firm involved at that time, Toomey-Munson, went out of business and this project has recently been taken over by Norwood Engineering. Due to these circumstances this project needed to be extended. Mr. Macchi is requesting a waiver on behalf of the applicant from filing a Land Disturbance Permit because of the prior approval before this bylaw came into effect.

The commission discussed if there would be over 40,000 square feet of disturbance the applicant should file the Land Disturbance Permit along with the plans which were approved in 2005

PUBLIC HEARING WALPOLE COUNTRY CLUB ALLEN POND NO DEP #

Opened: 7:30

Vice Chair Goetz read the advertisement from the Walpole Times and green cards were collected.

Mr. Matthew Watsky, a member of Walpole Country Club, Tom Liddy and Payson Whitney, representatives from ESS Consulting, Inc., were present. The proposal for this Notice of Intent Limited project is to restore a manmade pond, Allen Pond located at Walpole Country Club. ESS has designed the pond restoration project which includes dredging of the pond including converting the shallow wetland area into a deep marsh which will benefit wildlife habitat. The pond has historically been filled-in by sediments from a nearby sand and gravel operation upstream in Sharon. Included in this project is reconstructing the outlets structures which are now poorly managed by the use of sandbags.

Mr. Liddy stated photos are shown in the Notice of Intent and the hope is the pond depth can be restored to its original elevation. Mr. Liddy states they are not eliminating BVW, but are deepening the marsh. He stated the dredging will occur when the weather is dry and a coffer dam will be installed at the inlet and the flow will be piped. Erosion controls and a dewatering plan shall be in place. Mr. Liddy states the work on the outlet structure will be the next phase after the dredging, and the whole project is anticipated to take 4 months.

Mr. Goetz stated his concerns with the wildlife after draw down as well as the quality of water during the project

Mr. Liddy and Mr. Whitney discussed silt control, turbidity curtains and will detail this all on the plans. They also discussed wildlife rescue after draw down.

Mr. Turner discussed concerns about the dam and the draw-down. He stated Dam safety regulations need to be adhered to. He also stated concerns regarding Spring Brook and its flow. Mr. Turner wanted to make sure that the dredging operation would not drain the pond.

Mr. Liddy stated that they did soil tests and found bedrock below the pond so that they did not feel as though draining the pond would be an issue.

Ms. Phelps discussed the permitting process and if this is considered a limited project it can be permitted. She supported the additional information requested by the Conservation Agent. She expressed concerns about sedimentation when dewatering occurs and using additional measures such as flock logs to prevent this. She also stated she would like to see a sequencing plan.

Ms. Hershey discussed her concerns as shown in her agent report. She stated the project needs a separate sheet detailing the restoration of BVW with plant type size location, planting, monitoring etc. She also stated stormwater management needs to be addressed as well.

Mr. Goetz asked for comments or questions from the audience

Paul Thurston, 156 Baker St. and his consultant John DeSouza, Sea-Coast Consulting, LLC stated their concerns with this filing. Mr. DeSouza of Sea-Coast Consulting

submitted a letter dated 2/11/09 to the Commission. Mr. DeSouza read this letter into the record. A request for a continuance was expressed.

Mr. Goetz stated that the Applicant should address the concerns in the letter to the Commission by the next meeting.

Mr. John Lee, 509 Old Post Rd. Sharon, stated to the Board that he is fully supportive of this project. He stated improvements will be beneficial and that the outflow system in use now is antiquated. His concern is the toxicity of sediment and where will the dredge material be stored.

Mr. Goetz stated material will not be removed from site and can be reused.

Ms. Dyer made the motion to continue the Public Hearing until March 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Phelps seconded the motion

Vote: 4-0-0

MINUTES

JANUARY 28, 2009

Ms. Phelps made the motion to accept the minutes for January 28, 2009

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 3-0-1 (Mr. Jones abstained)

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

BERKELEY DR. LOT 22A

DEP# 315-821

Ms. Phelps made the motion to approve and issue a Certificate of Compliance

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 3-0-1 (Mr. Jones abstained)

EXTENSION

OLD NORTH ESTATES SUBDIVISION

DEP# 315-869

Ms. Phelps made the motion to approve and issue a one-year extension

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 3-0-1 (Mr. Jones abstained)

LAKE AVE #63

DEP# 315-868

Ms. Phelps made the motion to approve and issue a one-year extension

Mr. Jones seconded the motion

Vote: 4-0-0

The commission discussed cancelling the meeting for February 25, 2009

Ms. Phelps made the motion to cancel the Conservation Commission meeting scheduled for February 25, 2009

Mr. Jones seconded the motion

Vote: 4-0-0

The following correspondence was discussed and available for review:

- GZA report – 18 Industrial Rd
- GZA report – Bird Inc., landfill
- Wright-Pierce – Washington replacement wells 2 & 3
- Weston Solutions – RAM report 100 Neponset St.
- Allied recycling

Ms. Phelps made the motion to adjourn

Mr. Jones seconded the motion

Vote: 4-0-0

Meeting closed: 9:00