

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES (Approved 3/25/09)

MARCH 11, 2009

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

Absent: J. Wiley

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

MEETING OPENED: 7:00

**WALPOLE COUNTRY CLUB
NOTICE OF INTENT
ALLEN POND
DEP# 315-935**

Mr. Goetz read the advertisement from the Walpole Times for this continued Public Hearing.

Mr. Tom Liddy and Payson Whitney were present representing ESS group. Mr. Matthew Watsky was present representing Walpole Country Club. Revised plans and supplemental planting plans were given to the board for review and presented by Mr. Liddy and Mr. Whitney. Sequencing plans were discussed and written details were put on the plan. Mr. Liddy stated the project will take approximately 3-4 months from start to finish. Mr. Liddy stated plantings will occur in early spring and details are shown on the plan.

Ms. Hershey asked why it was necessary to dredge the area adjacent to the stream area

Mr. Liddy and Mr. Watsky explained it was for storage and to remove all sediment.

Mr. Goetz asked about the removal of invasive species

Mr. Liddy stated invasives would be removed and replaced. Inspections will take place and could be put in the Order as a special condition

Mr. Turner stated a mitigation plan should be in place in case of a heavy rainstorm. He also spoke about an emergency action plan

Mr. Whitney stated a catch basin grate on both sides would be in place for emergency overflow

Ms. Dyer asked about removing wildlife during dredging

Mr. Liddy stated a relocation plan has been put in place and noted on plan

Mr. Jones discussed the need for local dewatering pumps and the importance of the location of the pumps being placed in the lowest area.

Ms. Phelps asked about wetlands stockpiling.

The commission discussed plantings that were supposed to occur per the last Order of Conditions that was issued. They also discussed a stormwater management plan and an O & M plan.

Mr. Goetz asked if there were questions or comments from the audience

Ms. Katie Thurston, Baker St. asked about permitting and how much water will be pumped from Allen Pond and who is in charge of monitoring it when the permit expires. She also asked about fertilizers and how it affects plant life. Ms. Thurston asked about ownership of the Pond

Mr. Goetz stated that Allen Pond belongs to the Country Club. He stated the commission does not regulate how much is pumped from the pond as that is decided at the State level as it is permitted through the State. He explained that the commission requires testing of areas and waters to ensure that the correct amount of fertilizers are used and that reports are given periodically to the board for review.

Mr. Paul Thurston, Baker St. stated his concern about the wildlife and fish and asked who designed the plan for wildlife relocation. He expressed his opinion that an environmental scientist should prepare a written analysis plan before the draining happens. Mr. Thurston stated a management plan should be in place during weather events.

Mr. Whitney stated that Mr. Liddy of ESS is a wetland scientist and familiar with relocation of wildlife.

Ms. Phelps made the motion to close the Public Hearing

Mr. Jones seconded the motion

Vote: 4-0-0

Closed: 8:05

The commission discussed special conditions that Ms. Hershey had drafted. A Wetland specialist shall remain on-site everyday during the draw-down, and on a weekly basis during dewatering and excavation. Invasive plants or unwanted plant species shall be up-rooted and removed. Restoration areas shall be monitored in June and

October to observe vegetation development. Stockpile areas shall be located outside the buffer zone. A copy of applicable permits shall be given to keep in the conservation commission file. The down- stream flow from the control structure shall be maintained year round as required by riparian rights. Outflow structures shall be fitted with no tamper-locked controls. Plantings shall occur during spring following dredging operations.

Ms. Phelps made the motion to approve and issue an Order of Conditions
Mr. Jones seconded the motion
Vote: 4-0-0

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE
MBTA (ELM ST)
DEP# 315-784

Ms. Hershey stated she would like a final review of the wetland replication area and detention basin before the commission votes to approve a Certificate of Compliance. This will remain on the agenda

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FEBRUARY 11, 2009

Ms. Dyer made the motion to approve the Minutes of February 11, 2009
Mr. Jones seconded the motion
Vote: 4-0-0

BOARD COMMENTS

PLANNING BOARD– Metro PCS 522/533 High Plain St.

The board has no comments or concerns as it is out of their jurisdiction

BOARD OF APPEALS – 643-703 Main St.

Ms. Hershey stated a filing has been submitted to the conservation commission for a project located at 643-703 Main St. as it is within our jurisdiction. The hearing date for this project is scheduled for 3/25/09.

OTHER BUSINESS

MUNICIPAL WORK ORDER
DEP# 315-683
MILL POND RD.

Ms. Hershey discussed a municipal work order for the removal of a rotted tree located on Mill Pond Rd.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was discussed and available for review:

- GES report – 750 Main St. Mobil Service Station
- FEMA update – map modernization
- AMEX – CSX 2009 Operational plan for right of way
- Gulf Station – 745 Main St.

Ms. Phelps made the motion to adjourn

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 4-0-0

Meeting Closed: 9:00