

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**MINUTES
(approved 5/13/09)**

APRIL 22, 2009

**Present: J. Wiley, Chairman
A. Goetz, Vice Chairman
B. Dyer, R. Turner, K. Phelps**

Absent: R. Jones

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

MEETING OPENED: 7:15

MINUTES

APRIL 8, 2009

**Mr. Goetz made the motion to approve the minutes for April 8, 2009
Ms. Phelps seconded the motion
Vote: 3-0-1 (Ms. Dyer abstained)**

EXTENSIONS

**BRUSH HILL SUBDIVISION
DEP# 315-499**

**Mr. Goetz made the motion to issue a one-year extension
Ms. Phelps seconded the motion
Vote: 4-0-0**

**WALPOLE COUNTRY CLUB
POND MAINTENANCE
DEP#315-839**

**Mr. Goetz made the motion to issue a one-year extension
Ms. Phelps seconded the motion
Vote: 4-0-0**

**STOP & SHOP
1005 PROVIDENCE HWY
DEP# 315-933**

Ms. Hershey states this property is not ready for a certificate to be issued

**MBTA (ELM ST.)
DEP# 315-784**

Ms. Hershey states this is not ready for a certificate to be issued

**ROUTE 1 (BILLBOARD)
DEP# 315-823**

**Ms. Phelps made the motion to approve and issue a Certificate of Compliance
Mr. Goetz seconded the motion
Vote: 4-0-0**

ENFORCEMENT ORDER

**MILLBROOK AVE #64
DEP # 315-846**

Ms. Hershey stated Forsberg Landscaping Company came in to discuss what needs to be done to the property to satisfy the commission. This will be taken care of prior to the date the commission requested.

BOARD COMMENTS

The Zoning Board of Appeals is requesting comments on 929 Main St.
The board has no comments at this time as the same project will be coming before them at the next meeting

The Planning Board also is requesting comments on 390 West St and 929 Main St.
There are not comments at this time as both projects are coming before the commission.

CORRESPONDENCE

The commission discussed the Division of Conservation Services Annual Grant Fund

**CONT. PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF INTENT
MAIN ST. #643-703
DEP# 315-936**

Opened: 7:30

Mr. Wiley read the advertisement from the Walpole Times for 643-703 Main St. which was continued from March 25th. The commission held a site visit on April 1st with Mr. Merrikin

Mr. Rick Merrikin, Merrikin Engineering stated that he has addressed issues the commission brought up at their last meeting and the site visit. He stated that the flood storage area has been reconfigured and is shown on the plan. The beginning of the storage area is a minimum of 10 ft. from the wetlands. He stated the slopes have been slightly changed but there is not much change in grade. Mr. Merrikin stated that they plan on working around as many trees as they can, most will be left alone. Mr. Merrikin stated the construction sequence has been changed with the replication area being completed first. Shrubs will be taken out and replanted as long as they are not invasive ones, and this will be completed within a few days. Mr. Merrikin also stated they have decided to back off from trying to relocate the sewer line.

Ms. Hershey stated she has not had the opportunity to review this plan as it came into the office late. She would like to see a planting plan included on the plan as well.

Ms. Dyer stated she thought that no-alteration plaques would be a good idea

Ms. Phelps agreed with Ms. Dyer and stated the plaques would be good around the garden center, possibly with a fence as well. She also asked about roof drainage.

Mr. Goetz asked about catch basin locations. He shared the same concerns as the other members and agrees a permanent demarcation is needed around the garden center area.

Mr. Merrikin explained how the infiltration system would work to the board

Mr. Wiley asked where overflow for storage would be located and it should be on the plan

Mr. Wiley asked for questions or comments from the audience. There were no comments

The Board discussed reviewing the plans prior to voting to approve an Order of Conditions

The commission discussed some of the special conditions. A note should be put in the Order expressing why work is being allowed in the 25ft. buffer. Parking lot sweeping will be included in the O & M plan.

Mr. Merrikin requested the board send a letter to the ZBA prior to their meeting and let them know that the conservation commission is all set. This will enable the ZBA to close their Hearing once they are satisfied.

Mr. Goetz made the motion to continue the Public Hearing until May 13, 2009 at 8:15 p.m.

Ms. Phelps seconded the motion

Vote: 4-0-0

**PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF INTENT
390 WEST ST.
NO DEP#**

Opened: 8:05

Mr. Wiley read the advertisement from the Walpole Times and green cards were collected.

Mr. Wiley read board comments into the record.

Mr. Rick Merrikin, Merrikin Engineering was present representing the applicant Mr. Michael Shea who was also present. Mr. Merrikin stated the proposal is to construct a one-story 5,000 s.ft building. Mr. Merrikin stated that wetland BVW and a brook are on this site. The USGS shows the brook to be shown as an intermittent stream. Mr. Merrikin gave handouts to the board for review with stream statistic information. A 100 yr. flood plain is shown on the plan. He states the rest of the area is wooded. The site is presently a partially developed piece of land with a long gravel driveway. The applicant is a contractor and runs his operation in the back area. There is also the proposal for a paved area to serve as a parking lot and storage area for motorized equipment including backhoes and trucks so they will have the benefit of a drainage system. Mr. Merrikin stated the remainder of the disturbed property will be a graveled surface used to store piping materials, manhole covers etc. The infiltration system was discussed. A catch basin system will be located behind the house; overflow will go towards the street where catch basins and trench drains are located. An open detention basin is shown on the plan for runoff to go for extra protection. Mr. Merrikin stated they don't want an underground system due to the gravel.

Mr. Merrikin stated his client has permission to excavate on the abutters property which is located outside the buffer zone. He also stated the limit of work will be at the 25 ft no disturb.

Ms. Hershey stated the issue of the riverfront area needs to be looked at, and the board may want to consider a site visit to familiarize themselves with the area.

Mr. Turner discussed the flooding issues on West St.

The commission discussed the various ponds and how they connected.

Ms. Dyer stated she would like a site visit

Ms. Phelps reviewed the regulations and it states the stream shall be considered perennial. Ms. Phelps has concerns regarding the gravel areas and would like a site visit.

Mr. Goetz would like a site visit before making his comments

Mr. Wiley asked for questions or comments from the audience and there were none

A site visit will be scheduled for April 25th at 10:30 a.m. and will be posted in the Town Hall

Mr. Goetz made the motion to continue the Public Hearing until May 13, 2009 at 8:30 p.m.

Ms. Phelps seconded the motion

Vote: 4-0-0

Ms. Phelps made the motion to adjourn

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 4-0-0

Meeting Closed: 8:30