

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**MINUTES  
(APPROVED 1/14/09)**

**DECEMBER 10, 2008**

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

Absent: R. Turner

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

Conservation Agent report given to members

**MEETING OPENED: 7:05**

**EXTENSION**

**TOWN OF WALPOLE GENERAL MAINTENANCE  
DEP# 315-683**

**Mr. Goetz made the motion to issue a one-year extension  
Mr. Jones seconded the motion  
Vote: 5-0-0**

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**

**ANDREW WAY, LOT 6  
DEP# 315-167**

**Mr. Goetz made the motion to approve and issue a partial Certificate of Compliance  
Ms. Phelps seconded the motion  
Vote: 4-0-1 (Mr. Jones abstained)**

**BOARD COMMENTS**

The Planning Board is requesting comments on a project located at 3 Renmar Ave. The commission discussed this is out of their jurisdiction but are requesting a sediment apron

be put on the construction access and erosion controls in place as needed to meet stormwater management standards

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

The commission discussed an expenditure request for an additional four (4) hours to be taken from the Wetlands Filing Account for both the conservation agent and board secretary on an as-needed basis. The Wetland account currently has a balance of \$25,882.00.

**Mr. Goetz made the motion requesting the Board of Selectmen approve an additional four (4) hours for the Conservation Agent be taken from the Wetlands Account on an as-needed basis.**

**Ms. Phelps seconded the motion**

**Vote: 5-0-0**

**Mr. Goetz made the motion requesting the Board of Selectmen approve an additional four (4) hours for the Administrative Board Secretary be taken from the Wetlands Account on an as-needed basis**

**Ms. Phelps seconded the motion**

**Vote: 5-0-0**

## **MINUTES**

**November 12, 2008**

**Ms. Dyer made the motion to accept the minutes of November 12, 2008**

**Ms. Phelps seconded the motion**

**Vote: 4-0-1 (Mr. Jones abstained)**

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

**COUNTRY CLUB DR. #16**

**NOTICE OF INTENT**

**DEP# 315-931**

**OPENED: 7:35**

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

Mr. Wiley read Board comments into the record

Mr. John Glossa, of Glossa Engineering was present representing the applicant. Mr. Glossa presented plans to the commission showing a failed septic system which he is proposing to repair that is within the 100 ft. buffer. Mr. Glossa also discussed the proposal to add a retaining wall and a 10ft. addition which will double the size of the garage. He also is proposing extending the kitchen area at the same time.

Ms. Hershey asked about the proposed addition and asked about excavation.

Mr. Glossa stated that removing any excess materials from the site will not be a problem

Ms. Phelps asked about the erosion controls and if they can be tightened up a bit. She also asked about the type of concrete wall

Mr. Goetz asked if the proposed additions that have been made are in the original Notice of Intent filing

Mr. Glossa stated the applicant decided after the submittal of the filing to make changes and additions to the house. Mr. Glossa stated the proposed additions are further away from the wetlands than the septic system. He also stated that as long as everything proposed is on the plans there should be no issues.

The commission discussed this and Mr. Wiley stated they could act on this pending the notification to DEP with the proper Notice of Intent paperwork and the correct filing fee for the proposed activity.

Mr. Goetz suggested the board continue the Public Hearing

Ms. Phelps stated she feels the board does not need to continue the hearing but should hold the Order of Conditions pending receipt that DEP has received an updated application and proper filing fee.

The commission discussed special conditions. Five (5) no-alteration plaques shall be installed where located on the plan, erosion controls such as a haybale line shall be staked in the field, the commission shall be given a written statement from a registered engineer certifying that work has been conducted as shown on the plan, and a stabilized construction entrance shall be in place. All of this will be reviewed prior to construction by the conservation agent.

**Mr. Phelps made the motion to close the Public Hearing**

**Ms. Jones seconded the motion**

**Vote: 5-0-0**

**Closed: 8:05**

**Ms. Phelps made the motion to approve the Order of Conditions**

**Ms. Dyer seconded the motion**

**Vote: 5-0-0**

**PUBLIC HEARING  
NOTICE OF INTENT  
NORTH ST. #461**

**DEP# 315-932**

**OPENED: 8:10**

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

Mr. Wiley read board comments into the record

Mr. Glossa, of Glossa Engineering presented the commission with the proposal for a 30x24 addition to the house, the reconstruction of an accessory building, removal of existing shed and the addition of a farmers porch. Mr. Glossa stated that considerable paving over an existing gravel driveway and other proposed areas are included in this filing. Mr. Glossa states the wetlands are to the right of the lot, and a pond is in front. No wetlands are in the back area of the house.

Ms. Hershey gave the commission an overview of the history of the previous ANRAD filing on this property which was denied by the board, appealed to DEP and subsequently upheld by them.

The commission asked about drainage calculations

Mr. Glossa stated that since this is a single family home, drainage calculations do not need to be submitted

Ms. Hershey asked about the garage and the proposed 5 ft. overhang. She stated to the commission that there has been a lot of disturbance over the years in the 25ft alteration area.

Mr. Glossa agrees and states the applicant wants to work with the commission with whatever will be satisfactory to them.

Ms. Phelps stated she would like a site visit on this property. She also stated an alternative analysis is needed.

Mr. Goetz asked about the overhang

Mr. Barry, the applicant stated it is for storage use for canoes and kayaks only

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

Mr. Philip Sanford, an abutter was present. He stated he has no problem with the proposal but has concerns about the stream and wants to make sure the environment is preserved.

**The commission discussed holding a site visit at 9:00 on Saturday 12/13/08**

**Mr. Goetz made the motion to continue the Public Hearing until January 14, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Ms. Phelps seconded the motion**

**Vote: 5-0-0**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE OF INTENT**

**1005 PROVIDENCE HWY,  
(STOP AND SHOP GAS STATION)  
DEP# 315-933**

**OPENED: 8:45**

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

Mr. Wiley read board comments

Attorney Tom Brady was present representing applicant Stop & Shop. Mr. Matthew Varrell and Mr. William Taber of VHB, Inc. were also present as well as a representative from Stop & Shop. This Notice of Intent was filed after the commission previously issued a Positive Determination to the RDA which was filed in November for the rehabilitation of a dormant gas station located at 1005 Providence Hwy.

Attorney Brady stated that the applicants have responded to the board comments as well as comments received from DEP regarding this filing. Mr. Brady stated that Stop & Shop has added improvements to the plan.

Matt Varrell, of VHB presented the commission with revised plans from what were originally submitted. In response to comments from DEP, Ms. Hershey and the Town Engineer, the applicants have agreed to replace catch basins and upgraded with stormceptors instead. Mr. Varrell stated a new O & M plan will replace the old one and this improvement will result in a higher quality of water going into the wetlands. He stated a Stormwater checklist is included and he feels all comments, including DEP's have been addressed. .

Ms. Hershey stated that this new information was emailed to her yesterday and was received in the office this morning. She had a small amount of time to review the plan and feel the changes make a definite improvement. Ms. Hershey asked about the location and size of the stormceptors.

Ms. Hershey discussed the O & M plan and stated it needs to include maintenance of the stormceptor. She also talked about snow removal

Mr. Wiley discussed whether any change in the use of this site should come back to our board for review

The commission felt that any changes pertaining to their jurisdiction would have to come back before the board regardless.

**Mr. Goetz made the motion to close the Public Hearing**

**Ms. Phelps seconded the motion**

**Vote 5-0-0**

**Closed: 9:10**

The commission discussed special conditions. No sodium based salts shall be used on site for ice/snow removal, the site shall be inspected on a weekly basis for debris which may alter wetland resources and be removed, the stormwater management system shall be maintained per the O& M plan which is included in the OOC, Stormceptor units shall be maintained, any additional work required on the stormwater system including replacement pipes or structures must be requested in writing to the commission for determination of a modification or amendment to the Order, and a completed long term evaluation checklist for the previous year shall be annually given to the conservation commission

**Mr. Goetz made the motion to approve the Order of Conditions**

**Ms. Phelps seconded the motion**

**Vote: 5-0-0**

**Mr. Jones left the meeting at 9:15**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **BUDGET FY10**

The board discussed the upcoming Budget for FY10 for the conservation commission to include the need for supplies, conferences, phone, office equipment, gas and mileage etc.

**Mr. Goetz made the motion to approve the Budget as proposed by the commission**

**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: 9:30**