

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES**

(APPROVED 8/8/07)

JULY 11, 2007

Present: J. Wiley, Chairman
A. Goetz, Vice Chairman
B. Dyer and E. DiVirgilio

Absent: R. Jones, K. Phelps

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

Conservation Agent report given to board members

Meeting Opened: 7:05

DISCUSSION

WASHINGTON ST. #1724

Ms. Hershey stated she met Mr. Harper and his son on the property of 1724 Washington St. Enforcement issues were discussed by the commission. The commission discussed writing a letter to Mr. Harper stating that no work can be done within 25ft of the center stream or violations fines of \$300 per day will happen. The other 75ft can be cut once a year in the fall on the mower's highest setting.

Mr. Goetz made the motion to amend the Enforcement Order on 1724 Washington St.

Mr. DiVirgilio seconded the motion

Vote: 4-0-0

**CONT. PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF INTENT
PLIMPTONVILLE CROSSING
DEP# 315-881**

Opened: 7:30

Mr. Wiley read the advertisement from the Walpole Times.

Mr. Rick Merrikin, Merrikin Engineering along with applicant Mike Rhoder, was present to present a complete plan on Alternative C to the commission. Mr. Merrikin states this

plan shows reduced work in the riverfront area and the detention area in back of the units is smaller. Mr. Merrikin states infiltrations on the roofs have been included as well as an infiltration system at the bottom of the detention basin. 99% of water will be discharged into the ground. Mr. Merrikin states erosion controls are in place to protect the resource area and the retaining wall is where the limit of work ends. He also stated that shrubs would be replanted that need to come out for construction purposes and the detention area will be vegetated.

Mr. Merrikin told the commission that this filing is before the Zoning Board later this evening and they have refiled with the Planning Board as well.

Ms. Hershey asked about the height of the wall behind units 9 and 10 and stated there needs to be detail of this on the plan. She also stated erosion controls are too close, especially around the detention basin.

Mr. Merrikin states the wall is between 6-8 ft with a fence. He will adjust the erosion controls as suggested.

Ms. Hershey stated she has some concerns over the calculations and the volume of flow to the wetlands. She also stated deep sump basins should be 4ft. with hoods and clean outs. Access needs to be included in the limit of work to the outside of the detention basin. Ms. Hershey would like Mr. Merrikin to set up a meeting with the Town Engineer to discuss calculations.

Ms. Hershey also suggested incorporating into the plan a possible path with signage regarding the importance of the riverfront area and that Neponset River is there and it's value.

Ms. Dyer asked who would be responsible for maintaining the path

Mr. Merrikin states it could be an ongoing condition that the condo association maintains the trail for pedestrian access

Mr. Goetz stated this plan is a vast improvement over what was seen in the initial stages of this filing. He agrees with Ms. Hershey that detail of the wall and fence on top needs to be on the plan. He stated this plan is friendlier to the environment and riverfront area.

Mr. Wiley states the erosion control line needs to be brought back for access to the detention basin. The commission discussed where the no-disturb line will be and that it will be shown on the plan. Mr. Wiley stated the Public Hearing should to be continued until the Town Engineer can review the calculations.

Mr. Wiley asked for questions or comments from the audience

Ms. Jeanne Putman, 295 Plimpton St. asked whether bringing in fill would alter the calculations. Mr. Merrikin stated it would not.

Lisa Rubini, 8 Alston Dr. asked where the location of the wall is

John Lubold, 254 Plimpton St., questioned the grade of grass area near his home.

Mr. Goetz made motion to continue the Public Hearing until August 8, 2007 at 8:00 p.m

Mr. DiVirgilio seconded the motion

Vote: 4-0-0

**PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF INTENT
GRISTMILL LN. LOT 23
DEP# 315-906**

Opened: 8:03

Mr. Wiley read the advertisement from Walpole Times

Mr. Wiley read board comments

Mr. John Walsh, Walsh Bros. Building Co. was present representing the applicant. He stated that Lot 23 is the last remaining lot on Gristmill that will require a filing with the Conservation Commission. Mr. Walsh stated that the commission reviewed this lot recently when the other lots were reviewed. Mr. Walsh stated they would be able to maintain a 25-30ft buffer on this lot. He also stated the Plans have been revised to include the detention area as requested by the Town Engineer.

Ms. Hershey asked if the proposed grades would stay the same

Mr. Walsh stated there is an existing hill there now and there is approximately 1500 yards of material that will need to be removed.

Mr. Wiley asked about access to the sewer line

Mr. DiVirgilio asked about excavating materials issues

Mr. Walsh stated this is the last of the lots and there have been no problems or issues with excavating issues

Mr. Wiley stated the 100 ft. buffer needs to be labeled on the plan

Mr. Goetz made the motion to close the Public Hearing

Mr. DiVirgilio seconded the motion

Vote: 4-0-0

Closed: 8:20

The commission discussed boilerplate conditions to be included in the Order of Conditions. The property owner shall maintain the sewer easement free of permanent obstruction as requested by the Engineering Dept. as a special condition

Mr. Goetz made the motion to approve and issue an Order of Conditions

Mr. DiVirgilio seconded the motion

Vote: 4-0-0

PUBLIC HEARING

RUSTIC RD. ANRAD AMENDMENT

DEP # 315-845

Opened: 8:21

Mr. Wiley read the advertisement from the Walpole time

Mr. Wiley read board comments

John Glossa, Glossa Engineering and applicant Dick Saccone was present. 69 Rustic Rd. abuts the Norwood line and is approximately 14 acres. Mr. Glossa stated he had the original Land Court plan available to show the commission that in 1961 there were buildings on the lot at that time. Mr. Glossa stated the ANRAD that was done in 2005 showed a cart path included in the wetlands. At the time, Mr. Glossa stated this was unimportant as to whether it was upland or in the wetlands, because the focus at the time was trying to connect Puritan Rd. in Norwood to Joseph Ln., which is in Walpole. It was the intent to try to connect these roads. Mr. Glossa stated the Planning Board asked them to withdraw the filing until issues with the Police and Fire Dept's as well as the Town of Norwood Planning Board were worked out in regards to this connection. Mr. Glossa stated the bond has expired and the Town cannot finish the street or have it accepted at this point.

Mr. Glossa stated that the applicant wants to exercise the 40ft. strip where the cart path is to use. A new wetland specialist Carr Research Lab has reflagged the wetlands and they now feel the cart path should have been considered upland instead of wetland. Mr. Glossa states they are trying to find as much upland as possible with a road connection to Rustic.

Ms. Hershey stated she reviewed the area with Mr. Glossa and agrees with the proposed changes to the wetland line within the area of the old cart path. She stated she does not agree with the determination of the isolated wetlands due to the hydraulic connection. She did not observe a change in vegetation.

Mr. Wiley stated this is an amendment to the wetland delineation, an adjustment to what is shown on the previous plan

Mr. Glossa stated the objective is to identify as much upland as possible.

Mr. Goetz stated he met with the Applicant, representative and specialist on site and walked the cart path. He stated that he advised Mr. Carr to document carefully what was there. He agreed there was a slight difference in vegetation, but in looking over the report he stated he does not see the correlation between the soil tests and the map. He would like to see more specific areas located. Mr. Goetz stated the job that was done does not convince him that this should be amended. Mr. Goetz states that this is a controversial spot and it has to be proven that it is upland.

Mr. Saccone asked if Ms. Hershey and Mr. Goetz were convinced of a change as they walked the site

Ms. Hershey stated that it seemed consistent that the area was a typical cart path which is usually upland but she did not do soil samples to be sure

Mr. Goetz concurred with Ms. Hershey

Mr. DiVirgilio wants to see on the plan where the holes were dug

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

Mr. Wiley stated more information regarding test holes is needed. The commission discussed specific areas on the plan that needed more information

Mr. DiVirgilio made the motion to continue the Public Hearing until 7:00 on August 8, 2007

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 4-0-0

**CONT. PUBLIC HEARING
WALPOLE WOODWORKERS
ANRAD DEP # 315-902**

Opened: 9:05

Mr. Wiley read the advertisement from the Walpole Times

Mr. Wiley read into the record a letter from the Applicant stating she would like a continuance of this Public Hearing until August 8, 2007

Mr. Goetz made the motion to continue to the Public Hearing until 8:30 on August 8th

Mr. DiVirgilio seconded the motion

Vote: 4-0-0

OTHER BUSINESS

The Town Engineer submitted a letter for paving work to be done on Stone Street under the general maintenance Order of Conditions.

BOARD COMMENTS

Planning Board is requesting comments on Oakwood Estates Subdivision refile for the proposed construction of a Daycare Center. The board discussed issues dealing with stormwater management standards. No filing is needed as this project is out of ConCom's jurisdiction. The board discussed the need for an O& M plan for the parking lot, basin, catch basins and snow removal.

EXTENSION

NEW FISHER LANE

DEP# 315-654

Mr. Goetz made the motion to issue a one-year extension

Mr. DiVirgilio seconded the motion

Vote: 4-0-0

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

LEAGUE SCHOOL

DEP# 315-610

Ms. Dyer made the motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance

Mr. DiVirgilio seconded the motion

Vote: 4-0-0

MINUTES

JUNE 13, 2007

Mr. DiVirgilio made the motion to approve the Minutes for June 13, 2007

Mr. Goetz seconded the motion

3-0-1 (Ms. Dyer abstained)

The Commission discussed General Business

Mr. Goetz made the motion to renew the membership to MACC for all board members

Mr. DiVirgilio seconded the motion

Vote: 4-0-0

The following correspondence was available for the commission to review and discuss:

- Lycott Environmental report
- Frontier Dr. – DEP letter
- Allied recycling letter
- Coney St. #333 report
- MACC dues
- Algonquin Gas letter
- GZA report – Industrial Rd.
- Toll Bros. – erosion control report
- Frontier Dr. – Attorney letter

Mr. DiVirgilio made the motion to adjourn

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 4-0-0

MEETING CLOSED: 9:45