

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES (Approved 2/22/12)

JANUARY 25, 2012

Present: A. Goetz
B. Dyer, R. Turner, D. Adams

Absent: J. Wiley

Also Present: L. Hershey, Conservation Agent

MEETING OPENED: 7:00

NOTICE OF INTENT HOMES AT SWAN POND (Aquatic Nuisance) DEP# 315-984

Mr. Goetz read the advertisement from the Walpole Times. Certificate of Mailings were collected.

Mr. Goetz read board comments into the record

Mr. William Stevenson, of Lycott Environmental was present representing the applicant and Ms Lori McMahon, Property Manager of The Home at Swan Pond Condominiums was also present. The Notice of Intent including the Wildlife Habitat & Vegetation Evaluation, Topo maps and Aquatic Vegetation & Wildlife Habitat Features were given to members to review.

Mr. Stevenson stated surveys were done over the summer and the small, shallow retention basin located at the Homes at Swan Pond was found to contain algae over 60%. This proposed project is to spot- treat the algae as needed with EPA Treatments. The goal is to manage nuisance aquatic vegetation and algae, and he stated chemical control is the most effective. Once an Order of Conditions is approved, they need to register the paperwork and apply for a license from the State to apply. Mr. Stevenson stated specialists perform this fairly common treatment, and that in a shallow retention basin hand harvesting does not work well.

Ms. Hershey stated that there is an Order of Conditions on Swan Pond and would like to know why there is so much nuisance aquatic vegetation. She would like information about a stormwater O&M plan. Ms. Hershey stated the catch basins were supposed to be cleaned as well as the basin.

Ms. McMahon, the property manager of The Homes at Swan Pond stated she was unaware of an Order of Conditions as she took over from the builder/developer eight (8) years ago. She stated some of the catch basins have been cleaned and street sweeping was used in the past but was changed to using salt to save money. Ms. McMahon stated they will do whatever is required moving forward.

Mr. Turner suggested that the retention basin be cleaned out and it may be discovered that treatment is not even needed

Ms. Dyer stated that in looking over the special conditions of the existing Order, it appears that a lot of the work has not been complied with.

Mr. Goetz stated he agrees that the algae and weeds need to be controlled and should happen as soon as possible. He stated a proper O&M plan needs to be in place and it is up to the Property Manager to ensure that the Order of Conditions is brought into compliance. Mr. Goetz would like them to come back with a plan on this.

Ms. Dyer made the motion to close the Public Hearing

Mr. Adams seconded the motion

Vote: 6-0-0

Closed: 7:35

The commission discussed special conditions to include an O&M plan shall be in place, reports given to the commission on the treatments provided to the pond and standard boiler plate conditions

Mr. Turner made the motion to approve and issue and Order of Conditions with conditions

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 6-0-0

The commission discussed sending out a notice to the property manager of the Village of Swan Ponds to come in and discuss their O & M practices.

NOTICE OF INTENT

PUBLIC HEARING

SOUTH ST. #400

DEP# 315-

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

Board comments were read into the record

Mr. Rob Truax, GLM Engineering was present representing the applicant PJ Hayes. Mr. Truax stated this filing is one part of a future Notice of Intent which he plans on filing for our next scheduled meeting. The proposal is for relocating an existing access driveway,

and will include the installation of a drainage system to treat surface water runoff located at Southridge Farm on South St. He stated the plan may appear confusing because the drainage calculations are sized for the full plan. Mr. Truax was hoping to expedite the process by beginning the access road first under a separate Order of Conditions while he was going through the permitting process with the Planning Board and ZBA for the remainder of the project. Mr. Truax stated the finished product consists of the driveway, and display area which will be located in front and will require site plan approval. He stated the wetland line has been flagged, he is proposing replacing the existing catch basin that is in the street now with a manhole with deep sump. Mr. Truax requested the hearing be continued and he will file a separate Notice of Intent for the rest of the project and give the commission the opportunity to review the overall project but issue two separate Orders of Conditions so the work on the access driveway can commence

Ms. Hershey stated she has reviewed the filing and concurs with the Town Engineer that the drainage calculations and project needs to be looked at as a whole

Mr. Adams made the motion to continue the Public Hearing until February 22, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 6-0-0

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

COBBS TERR #16

DEP # 315-982

Ms. Hershey stated the area is not stabilized yet and the applicant is requesting a partial Certificate as they are planning on closing on the property this week. The Board discussed that they are not ready to issue a Certificate at this time

TURNERS POND

Ms. Hershey stated the Pond's committee have been emailing her and are requesting another board be put in Turners Pond. The commission discussed the fact that they feel everything is working well right now and they do not feel it necessary. Ms. Hershey stated she is working right now on gathering data on surrounding septic systems and elevations of basements, and she would like to gather input from abutters with their concerns. The commission wants the Pond Committee to voice their concerns with explanations and provide information in order that a management plan be compiled.

MINUTES

January 11, 2012

Mr. Adams made the motion to approve the Minutes for January 11, 2012

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 6-0-0

BOARD COMMENTS

The ZBA is requesting comments for Plimptonville Crossings which is before them. The commission stated the applicant will need to come back and file an amendment to the existing Order of Conditions. There are proposed changes with stormwater calculations and the commission will need to review. Merrikin Engineering is aware of this.

ENFORCEMENT ORDERS

Ms. Hershey stated there is nothing new to report on the existing Enforcement Orders

APPEALS

Ms. Hershey stated there is nothing new to report on Lot 18 Frontier Dr. Appeal

General Correspondence was discussed and available for the commission to review

- GES report – 750 Main St.
- NSTAR Electric ROW Maintenance Activities
- Economic Development Workshop- 1/31/12
- FEMA Notice

As no Public Hearing or Meetings are scheduled and the filing due date has passed, the commission discussed cancelling the regularly scheduled meeting for February 8, 2012

Mr. Turner made the motion to cancel the meeting scheduled for February 8, 2012

Mr. Adams seconded the motion

Vote: 6-0-0

Ms. Dyer made the motion to adjourn

Ms. Adams seconded the motion

Vote: 6-0-0

Closed: 9:00