

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES (Approved 5/9/12)

APRIL 25, 2012

Present: J. Wiley, Chairman
A. Goetz, Vice Chairman

B.Dyer, J. Finnigan, R. Turner, S. Sparks

Also Present: L. Hershey, Conservation Agent

Conservation Agent report given to members

PUBLIC HEARING
END OF FOUNDRY ST
NOTICE OF INTENT
DEP# 315-990
Opened: 7:05

Mr. Wiley read the advertisement from the Walpole Times

Mr. Wiley read board comments into the record

Mr. Rob Gemma of MetroWest Engineering and applicant Paul Marcus were present. Plans entitled, "Proposed Site Plan in Medfield and Walpole MA" were presented and dated March 1, 2011. Photographs were shown to the commission.

Mr. Gemma stated that although the majority of this project is in Medfield the pond lies in Walpole and is $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre. The purpose of this filing is pond improvement and restoration. The embankment and spillway are in poor condition and the pond is an old one with only 3 ft. of depth at most. Mr. Gemma stated they would like to improve the pond in three areas. They would like to rebuild the embankment, better define and improve the spillway and dredge the pond and improve the depth while also removing sediment. This would improve the pond hydrology and enhance aquatic and wildlife biology within the pond. He discussed pumping down the pond, filtering and dewatering methods. Access to the pond would be through a meadow in Medfield. Mr. Gemma stated repairing the embankment would involve approximately 1200 ft. of wetland alteration which would be replicated. Mr. Gemma stated the soils from rebuilding the embankment would be saved and used in the replication. Erosion controls including the use of riprap were discussed.

Ms. Hershey stated her comments were provided to the applicant and included in her agent report. She stated the representative increased the replication amount per her comments. She asked about the results of soil testing.

Mr. Gemma stated they were completed but results are not in as of yet.

Ms. Hershey stated she has been on site but would encourage the commission to do so as well.

Mr. Turner asked a question regarding the pond depth and the effects on the surrounding swamp land as it is groundwater fed.

Mr. Gemma discussed once the pond is filled there is no flow from the wetlands into the pond and no water is being removed from the hydrologic system so wetlands would not be impacted. He reiterated that dredging the pond will not change the hydrology.

Mr. Turner asked about soil samples

Mr. Goetz stated he is in favor of this kind of project but would like to take a site visit and get results of the soil tests

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

The commission discussed holding a site visit on Saturday May 5, 2012. The commission will meet at 66 Foundry St. in Medfield at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Goetz made the motion to continue the Public Hearing until May 9, 2012 at 7:20 p.m.

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 7-0-0

**PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF INTENT
PADDOCK CT. #4
DEP # 315-989**

Opened: 7:35

Mr. Wiley read the advertisement from the Walpole Times

Mr. Wiley read board comments into the record

There was no applicant or representative present so the board discussed continuing the Public Hearing

Mr. Goetz made the motion to continue the Public hearing until May 9, 2012 at 7:45 p.m.

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 7-0-0

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF INTENT

SOUTH ST. #400 (SOUTHRIDGE FARM)

DEP# 315-987

A letter was received in the office this morning from Rob Truax, representative of applicant P.J. Hayes dated 4/25/12. He stated he would like a continuance of this Public Hearing as he is still working on soil testing at this time.

Mr. Goetz made the motion to continue the Public Hearing until May 23, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 7-0-0

MINUTES

APRIL 11, 2012

Mr. Goetz made the motion to approve and accept the Minutes for April 11, 2012

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 6-0-1 (Mr. Finnigan abstained)

BOARD COMMENTS

The Planning Board is requesting comments for tree pruning from North St. to the Westwood line and along Baker St. Ms. Hershey stated this is part of NSTAR's maintenance program and the commission has no concerns with this project

ENFORCEMENT ORDERS

Ms. Hershey reported that there is nothing new on the Main St., South St. and the Trails Enforcement Orders to date but that the following Enforcement Orders are ready to be vacated:

TANGLEWOOD DR. #8

Ms. Hershey stated the plantings have had two growing seasons and she feels the Enforcement order should be vacated.

Mr. Goetz made the motion to vacate the Enforcement Order for #8 Tanglewood Dr.

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 7-0-0

WEST ST. #440

Ms. Hershey stated the shrubs and trees have been replanted and the Enforcement Order is ready to be vacated

Mr. Goetz made the motion to vacate the Enforcement Order for #440 West St.

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 7-0-0

WASHINGTON ST. #1783

Ms. Hershey stated she noticed that there had been cutting of trees and woodchips being thrown into the wetlands on 1783 Washington St. A letter on Non-Compliance was sent stating this activity needed to cease immediately.

OTHER BUSINESS

Buttimers Property – Mr. Wiley stated there is nothing new on this property

Turners Pond – Ms. Hershey stated the gates have yet to be put up and the commission has asked several times. She has notified DPW and the Ponds Committee but it has not been done. The commission directed the Agent to send a letter to the Ponds committee and ask them to specify a date for the commission to expect the gate be put up.

**CONT. PUBLIC HEARING
PLIMPTONVILLE CROSSING
240-242 PLIMPTON ST
DEP# 315-881**

Opened: 8:08

Mr. Wiley read the advertisement from the Walpole Times

There were no additional board comments to be read into the record.

Mr. Merrikin gave copies of a revised plan to the board dated 4/25/12. Ms Hershey had reviewed plans delivered to the office prior and had some comments that Mr. Merrikin addressed.

Mr. Merrikin, Merrikin Engineering stated he has addressed comments received at the last Public Hearing. He completed and submitted an O&M report and an erosion control

plan. Mr. Merrikin stated he was hoping to close the Public Hearing and sit down with Ms. Hershey to address any last minute concerns.

Ms. Hershey asked if stormwater calculations have been reviewed with the Town Engineer and Mr. Merrikin stated they had. He also stated a temporary basin will be put in during construction

Mr. Wiley asked for questions or comments from the audience

Ms. Lisa Rubini, Allston Dr. stated she has no specific comments but would like clarification of the clearing and grubbing site.

The board discussed continuing the Public Hearing until all plans and have been reviewed and approved by the commission

Mr. Adams made the motion to continue the Public Hearing until May 9, 2012 at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Sparks seconded the motion

Vote: 7-0-0

ATLANTIC CT.

Mr. Viano was present at the meeting. The board discussed the site visit to Atlantic Ct. which took place on Saturday April 21, 2012 and discussed the two different considerations Mr. Viano proposed:

1. Accepting Lot 5 as stated in the subdivision decision
2. Accepting Mr. Viano's modified version based on his proposal to not go forward with the subdivision plan.

Mr. Wiley explained that the Planning Board is looking for input from the board and they are holding a meeting on May 3, 2012 to discuss this further

Ms. Dyer, Mr. Turner and Mr. Wiley all stated they would like to stay with the original Lot 5 donation

Mr. Goetz made the motion to stay with the original Planning Board decision, and accept the 15 acre donation of Lot 5

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 5-0-2 (Mr. Finnigan and Mr. Sparks opposed)

Mr. Wiley stated the Planning Board meets on May 3, 2012 and he will attend to represent the commission and answer any questions the board may have regarding Atlantic Ct.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Adams made the motion to adjourn

Mr. Sparks seconded the motion
Vote: 7-0-0
MEETING CLOSED: 9:00