

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES (Approved 3/27/13)

FEBRUARY 13, 2013

Present: A. Goetz

B. Dyer, J. Finnigan, D. Adams

Absent: J. Wiley, S. Sparks, R. Turner

Also Present: L. Hershey Conservation Agent

MEETING OPENED: 7:00

MINOR MODIFICATION WALPOLE COUNTRY CLUB DEP# 315-839

A discussion took place with Mr. Mark Gagne, Golf Course Superintendent of Walpole Country Club who was present along with Michael Hughes. Mr. Gagne stated they are seeking a modification to the existing Order of Conditions for the removal of trees around Allen pond. He discussed that thirteen (13) trees are presently allowed under the existing Order with remediation. They would like to remove an additional nine (9) trees located within the buffer zone. Mr. Gagne presented an informational packet showing four different areas which will be affected and where remediation would take place. Mr. Gagne discussed the treating of phragmites by a licensed aquatic control officer as well.

Ms. Hershey asked the board if they would consider the above request a minor modification or would they consider it an amendment where abutters and a public hearing would be needed.

After discussion the board stated they consider it a minor modification. They would like a planting plan submitted showing choice of trees and size and type of plantings proposed for approval.

Ms. Dyer made the motion to consider the requested changes a minor modification to the existing Order of Conditions DEP# 315-839

Mr. Adams seconded the motion

Vote: 3-1-0 (Mr. Finnigan abstained)

The commission discussed a planting plan needs to be submitted showing choice of trees and the size and type of plantings

Ms. Dyer made this a motion
Mr. Adams seconded the motion
Vote: 3-0-1 (Mr. Finnigan abstained)

OTHER BUSINESS

Municipal Work Order DEP# 315-683– Ms. Hershey stated the request is to take down trees located on the earthen dam located at Allen Pond. The commission discussed checking woodchuck holes also.

ENFORCEMENT ORDER

Plimptonville Crossing – Ms. Hershey stated no new activity has occurred on this site, and she has been out and everything looks okay. Rain data was reviewed during the time span where the enforcement issue occurred and the commission discussed how to handle fines.

Mr. Goetz recommends a letter be sent to the owner and the contractors copied with this letter as well as Engineers responsible for designing the site. The commission discussed erosion control reports should be given every week to show the site is being maintained in order they be more aware and proactive in their monitoring technique. The commission discussed that as ten (10) separate violations occurred according to the Order of Conditions; a \$3000 fine should be imposed representing the \$300 a day per violation the commission is able to enforce

Ms. Dyer made the motion to impose a \$3000 fine for ten violations which occurred at Plimptonville Crossing
Mr. Adams seconded the motion
Vote: 4-0-0

Mr. Goetz stated this fine should be issued by the Constable.

SOUTH ST. #400 – Ms. Hershey stated nothing is new on 400 South St.

BOARD COMMENTS

ZBA and Planning board – Plimptonville Crossing. Ms Hershey stated the comments are in regard to construction of a parking area. She stated it is out of the conservation commission's jurisdiction but to comment that stormwater regulations need to be met

Planning Board – Scenic Rd. Hearings – The board had no comments

Planning Board - #400 Old Post Rd. (Tall Pines) Definitive Subdivision – The commission discussed this project is coming before conservation in March for a Land Disturbance Permit

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JANUARY 23, 2013

Ms. Dyer made the motion to accept the minutes for January 23, 2013

Mr. Adams seconded the motion

Vote: 4-0-0

The following Correspondence was discussed and available for review:

- THE Northeast, Inc. – Phase I report 767 East St
- MAPC Tech and Planning Assistance Notice
- Public Works letter re: Memorial Pond Dredging

Mr. Adams made the motion to adjourn

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 4-0-0

Meeting Closed: 8:15