

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Town of Walpole Commonwealth of Massachusetts

MINUTES (Approved 4/23/14)

APRIL 9, 2014

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: L. Hershey, Conservation Agent

Conservation Agent report given to members

MEETING OPENED

CONT. PUBLIC HEARING NORTH ST. ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF AREA RESOURCE DELINEATION DEP# 315-1041

Opened: 7:00

Mr. Wiley read the advertisement from the Walpole Times. The Public Hearing was opened on December 13, 2013 and has been continued several times.

Mr. Tom Liddy, Lucas Environmental and Michael Viano were present. Mr. Liddy introduced Mr. Arthur Allen, the outside consultant from Eco-Tech who was hired for the delineation of the North St. site

Two supplements were given to the board, the first one dated 3/26/14 with wetland flag revisions, and the second supplement dated 4/9/14 with the most current revision and review. Plan entitled "North Street Final ANRAD" dated 4/8/14 was presented to the board

Mr. Allen gave some background information on himself to the commission. He stated the review commenced on March 11th and once again on March 25th. Mr. Allen stated he completed a memo to the commission on 3/26/14 with modifications and additions to the site.

Mr. Allen discussed the areas reviewed being mainly stony. He stated the review focused on a multi parameter approach with an emphasis on hydric soils. Mr. Allen discussed and presented the plan to the board showing wetland flag locations, including an area with a potential vernal pool. Mr. Allen discussed the replication area as well. Mr. Allen stated on the southwesterly portion of the site the stream was flowing during both site evaluations, and submitted stream stats showing documentation that in 2013 there were five days of dry channel conditions within the mapped perennial portion of the stream

Ms. Hershey stated she reviewed the wetlands with both Mr. Allen and Mr. Liddy. She stated it appears additional work needs to be done in the replication area when the applicant comes before the commission

A discussion was held with the board, Mr. Liddy and Mr. Allen regarding the location of a culvert, and the replication area

Ms. Dyer discussed more information should be looked at when labeling streams perennial vs. intermittent

Ms. Hershey discussed there is a definitive channel that flows and suggested it could be labeled as intermittent. She stated she feels the area was thoroughly looked at by both Mr. Allen and Mr. Liddy, and that a site visit should be set up by the commission

Mr. Wiley asked for questions or comments from the audience.

Mr. D'Angelo, Covey Rd. stated the culvert on Covey Rd is sufficient in handling water flow. He discussed one neighbor who has been experiencing water issues since the new wetland restoration though.

Mr. Viano stated he is meeting with the neighbor to take a look at the backyard and the water issues. He stated there are no structures there, just boulders.

Mr. Wiley discussed looking at the outflow in that area.

Mr. D'Angelo also stated that water is flowing in the stream 9 mos. out of the year

Mr. Liddy stated that there are a few areas where he and Mr. Allen disagree on, and the commission can take a look. Other than that he stated he pretty much agrees with the findings of Mr. Allen.

The commission discussed holding a site visit on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. This will be posted

Mr. Goetz made the motion to continue the Public Hearing until April 23, 2104 at 7:30 p.m.

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 5-0-0

MINUTES

March 26, 2014

Mr. Goetz made the motion to approve the Minutes for March 26, 2014 Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 5-0-0

ENFORCEMENT ORDERS

Industrial Rd. #33 – Ms. Hershey stated she has been out to review the erosion controls and feels the site supervisor has been keeping up with them

Appletree Ln. #16 - Ms. Hershey stated the filing of a Notice of Intent has been submitted per the conservation commission's findings at the last hearing. She stated that the alterations of the wetlands have not been addressed and Mr. Glossa has been told he needs revised plans to be submitted. Ms. Hershey stated the Enforcement Order should be revised to include these alterations from the installation of the septic system and fill in the rear of the yard.

Mr. Goetz made the motion to revise the Enforcement Order for 16 AppleTree Ln. to include the wetlands that have been altered in the resource area Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 5-0-0

BOARD COMMENTS

Planning board – (revised plans) 564 Main St. – Ms. Hershey stated she has no other comments. An Order of Conditions was issued and the O&M plan was included

Planning Board – Olmstead Estates – Ms. Hershey stated this filing with the Planning Board is for one of the subdivisions the commission heard tonight with the ANRAD filing. The subdivision is Off Fisher St. and will have to come before the conservation commission. There will be changes to the wetland line once the ANRAD is complete and issued. The commission discussed a letter should be drafted to the Planning Board with the issues that this commission will have. The commission also would request the applicant show all three Subdivisions to our board with proposed crossings etc. and discussed that only one crossing is allowable. The commission discussed, in reviewing the plan, that the grading in the Detention Basins are within the 25 ft. no alteration area.

The commission is concerned with wetland issues and the effect and balance of future subdivisions. They would like to see the complete picture.

Planning board – 1900 Main St. – Ms. Hershey stated in reviewing the plan submitted to the Planning Board, she noticed it does not show the vegetative swale which was approved by the conservation commission. Ms. Hershey stated also that the wetland line needs to be shown correctly on the plan. In reviewing the plan, the commission would like to direct the owner that the dumpster needs to be moved away from the wetland line, and put adjacent to the building. The commission said they will not approve the location of the dumpster as is.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Goetz and Mr. DiVirgilio have been reappointed by the Board of Selectmen to the Conservation Commission. Mr. David Sullivan has been appointed as an Associate member

The following Correspondence discussed and available for review:

- AMEC- 2014 Operational Plan ROW CSX Transportation
- Abutter letter- re: Moosehill Rd.

Mr. Goetz made the motion to adjourn Ms. Dver seconded the motion Vote: 5-0-0

Meeting Closed: 9:00 p.m.