

CONSERVATION COMMISSION



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MINUTES CONSERVATION COMMISSION JANUARY 23, 2019 7:00 PM

This meeting was taped and will be available on walpolemedia.tv

Present: Al Goetz (Vice Chairman) Betsey Dyer, Emidio Di Virgilio, Roger Turner

Absent: Jack Wiley (Chairman)

Also present: Conservation Agent, Landis Hershey; Board Secretary, Amy Messier

The Conservation Agent Report dated January 23, 2019 was given to members.

Vice Chair Al Goetz opened the meeting at 7:00 PM

7:00 PM: Notice of Intent, by NSTAR Electric d/b/a Eversource Energy, existing ROW, DEP #315-1189:

Goetz opened the hearing and read bd. comments. : David Klinch of Epsilon Assoc. present on behalf of the Applicant –Eversource Energy, and explained to the Commission that the ROW is .9 miles, with 2 out of the 6 geotechnical borings in town are located w.in wetland areas and 100-ft. buffer zone. The proposed drilling is to collect information for planning and design of future project (Medway Reliability Project), no drill rigs or fuels will be left at sites, and the maximum time for drilling will be approx. 2 days in jurisdictional areas and about a week for all 6 to be completed. The wetland alteration (395 s.f.) will be temporary and is to be restored. It was stated that the soil that comes out of the boring will go back into the hole- and is not to be left or put somewhere else. Hershey stated that Erosion controls shall be compost socks. Drill holes are to be approx. 4-8 inches in diameter and a depth of refusal or 25-30 ft. Prior to work a surveyor will survey area to ensure the limits of work, with all work and all travel within the existing ROW. Goetz opened the hearing up to the public for comment which consisted of the following:

Maureen Taylor of 1145 West St: questions and concerns regarding water mgmt. / vegetation mgmt. Dyer made a motion to close the hearing, seconded by Di Virgilio, the motion carried 4-0-0 (Goetz, Dyer, Turner, Di Virgilio). Dyer made a motion to issue an Order of Conditions with conditions in place, seconded by Di Virgilio, the motion carried 4-0-0 (Goetz, Dyer, Turner, Di Virgilio).

7:10 PM: Amendment to Order of Conditions, by Town of Walpole, Memorial Pond, DEP #315-1137:

Goetz opened the hearing and read bd. comments. Greg Rogowski of ESS Group was present on behalf of Applicant and explained to the Commission the proposed changes to the project that require the Amendment, which consist of the following; requesting to move the constructed wetlands shelf to allow for a greater amount of open water, 18,000 cubic yard removed, wooden fence to be replaced, wetland plantings planted and seeding, gravel parking lot to be fixed. Goetz opened the hearing for public comment which consisted of the following;

Jean St. George of Diamond St.: questions regarding water flow over dam/ hanging trees.

Ken Gibson of 153 Diamond St.: concern about increase in water near Diamond St.

Dyer made a motion to close the hearing, seconded by Di Virgilio, the motion carried 4-0-0 (Goetz, Dyer, Turner, Di Virgilio).

Dyer made a motion to issue an Amended Order of Conditions, seconded by Di Virgilio, the motion carried 4-0-0 (Goetz, Dyer, Turner, Di Virgilio).

7:15 PM: Continued Notice of Intent, by Town of Walpole, Rte. 1A, Main St. (btwn. 2400 Main St, & Norfolk Town Line), DEP# 315-1183:

Goetz opened the hearing and read bd. comments. Weston & Sampson was present on behalf of the Applicant. All outstanding comments for conservation and engineering have been addressed, and revised plans have been submitted that include; additional test pits, added details w. regards to utility installations (cross sections identifying utility runs up to project limits), additional information in the stormwater mgmt. report about calcs. and sediment removal, details of basins added w. drainage times and added erosion controls on the grading plan. Hershey suggested that a condition in the order include that additional soil tests shall be performed at the locations of the infiltration basins to determine ground water and soil consumption. Goetz opened the hearing up to the public for comment, which there was none. Dyer made a motion to close the hearing, seconded by Turner, the motion carried 4-0-0 (Goetz, Dyer, Turner, Di Virgilio). Dyer made a motion to issue an Order of Conditions with conditions discussed, seconded by Turner, the motion carried 4-0-0 (Goetz, Dyer, Turner, Di Virgilio).

GENERAL BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

Minutes: Dyer made a motion to accept the minutes of 1/9/2019, seconded by Di Virgilio, the motion carried 4-0-0 (Goetz, Dyer, Turner, Di Virgilio).

Orders/ Notice of Noncompliance:

Main St. #1900, DEP #315-1043 (deadline 5/1/18): hearing currently with the Commission

Boyden Estates – Summer Street DEP #315-1099 – Notice of Noncompliance 4/25: As Built plan has been submitted and is O.K.

231 Bullard Street – Notice of Noncompliance: Pipe was removed, banks need to be rip rapped because they are collapsing. An email was received from Mr. Roche stating that he is maintaining flow at his property line.

3 Covey Road – Notice of Noncompliance (deadline 2/25): Letter has been sent to owner: planting plan is to be submitted by 2/25/19 for review and approval. Planting to occur by 4/30/19.

1720 Washington Street – Enforcement Order : E.O. sent 1/11/19 certified mail and mailed 1/15/19 for homeowner to attend Conservation meeting with a plan to establish swale as per OOC to convey Stormwater to wetlands. Whisman was present at hearing. Helen of 951 South St. (abutter) was present and stated to the Commission that she had purchased her property in 2010 and at that time it was dry. Helen voiced her request that if there is no improvement to the pipe after its cleaned- she would like the pipe to be removed and a swale installed.

Requests for Certificate of Compliance:

N/A

Requests for Extension:

Homes at Swan Pond Condominium, Clear Pond Dr., DEP 315-984: Dyer made a motion to issue a 3 yr. extension, seconded by Di Virgilio, the motion carried 4-0-0 (Goetz, Dyer, Turner, Di Virgilio)

Walpole Residences LLC., End of Eastover Rd., DEP #315-1072: Dyer made a motion to issue a 1 yr. extension, seconded by Di Virgilio, the motion carried 4-0-0 (Goetz, Dyer, Turner, Di Virgilio)

Correspondence/ Other Business:

Bird Landfill semiannual groundwater 2018: no comments.

Board Comment Requests:

Plng: Athletic fields: pedestrian and bicycle access from winter street.

Dyer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Turner, the motion carried 4-0-0 (Goetz, Dyer, Turner, Divirgilio).
The Commission adjourned at 9:30 PM