

**CONSERVATION
COMMISSION**



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MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 13, 2019
7:00 PM

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

Present: Jack Wiley (Chairman), Al Goetz, Betsey Dyer, Roger Turner, Emidio Di Virgilio, Doug Burchesky

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

The Conservation Agent Report dated November 13, 2019 was given to members.

Wiley opened the meeting at 7PM

7:00 PM:

Notice of Intent/ Land Disturbance, McNamara Holdings, LLC, 1446-1454 Main St. DEP # 315-1212:

Wiley opened the hearing and read board comments. Charlie Shepard of CDW Consultants was present on behalf of the applicant and explained to the Commission that the proposed project consists of demolishing the existing garage, others buildings and remove the pavement, and replace it with a new 65x260 ft. building that includes 8 individual units, with parking (32 spaces), associated grading and utilities. Shepard stated that the total lot coverage proposed is twenty-seven percent, and the plans reflected an underground cultec drainage system. Plantings were proposed on the plan consisting of trees, shrubs and w/ loam and seed, and a waiver was requested by the applicant to work in the 25 ft. no alteration area. Commission comments included the following;

- Provide more detail on the size/ characteristics of the pond; Cultec specifications; placement of notes regarding soils and area maintenance; re-verifying Flag #18; change out hay bales/ straw wattles to compost sock; separate pretreatment and infiltration; 21E report results.

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Concerns of the Commission included the following;

- 7 units would be better than the prosed 8; not in favor of work within the 25 ft. no alteration area as proposed; fire truck access; possible storage of hazardous materials; number of parking spaces; lack of locus on plan; water quality devices.

Wiley opened the hearing up to the public for comment which included the following;

- Alanna and Natalia of Audubon Dr.: removal of trees
- Victoria of Audubon Dr.: building height

With further information needed and revisions to the plans, Goetz made a motion to continue the hearing to 1/8/19 at 7PM in Rm. 112 at the applicants request, seconded by Dyer, the motion carried 6-0-0 (Wiley, Goetz, Dyer, Turner, Di Virgilio, Burchesky)

7:15 PM:

Continued Notice of Intent, Georges Almacari, 23 Old Town Rd., DEP #315-1211:

Wiley opened the hearing, Hershey stated that the office has not received any plans or correspondence since the last hearing. Hershey emailed both the applicant and the applicants' engineer, with no response from either. No one was present for the hearing, Goetz made a motion to continue the hearing to 1/8/19 at 7:05 PM in Rm 112, seconded by Dyer, the motion carried 6-0-0 (Wiley, Goetz, Dyer, Turner, Di Virgilio, Burchesky)

Enforcement Orders/ Notice of Noncompliance (Vote may be required)

Main St. #1900, DEP #315-1043 (deadline 5/1/18): Hershey stated that a Notice of Violation for \$300.00 was delivered to Supa Sales and Service by constable on November 8, 2019 and the certified mail receipt was signed and by Melissa Young. No one was present at the hearing on behalf of the applicant, or the applicant themselves.

Boyden Estates – Summer Street DEP #315-1099 – Notice of Noncompliance 4/25: Hershey stated that no As-built plan has been submitted for lot 5, and the deadline to pay fees is 11/18/19.

DOT temporary easement request at Cobbs Pond: No update at this time.

Minutes: Di Virgilio made a motion to approve the 10/30/19 minutes, seconded by Dyer, the motion carried 6-0-0 (Wiley, Goetz, Dyer, Turner, Di Virgilio, Burchesky)

Geocaching: Dyer brought up the hobby of Geocaching and how it is currently not allowed on Town land in Walpole, and is curious regarding how to allow the pastime on the Town Land. Hershey, Wiley and Goetz stated that this would most likely have to go before the Select Board. Hershey offered to reach out to Town Administrator Jim Johnson about the topic. Dyer made a motion to allow geocaching on conservation land with all guidelines in place, seconded by Goetz, the motion carried 6-0-0 (Wiley, Goetz, Dyer, Turner, Di Virgilio, Burchesky)

Goetz made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dyer, the motion carried 6-0-0 (Wiley, Goetz, Dyer, Turner, Di Virgilio, Burchesky)

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.