

**CONSERVATION
COMMISSION**

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MINUTES
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION
JUNE 23, 2021
7:00 PM

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

Commissioners Present: Jack Wiley (Chairman), Al Goetz (Vice Chair), Betsey Dyer, Emidio Di-Virgilio, Doug Burchesky, Bailey Ziemba, and Dean Bebis.

Also present: Conservation Agent, Landis Hershey; Board Secretary, Allary Braitsch

Guests: Katherine Mooney, Michael Curatola, Steven Venincasa.

The Conservation Agent Report dated June 23, 2021 was given to members.

Wiley opened the meeting at 7 PM

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND DISCUSSIONS (vote required for action)

7:00 PM – Cont. RDA Pinnacle Point Historic Mill Complex

Wiley read the legal advertisement into the record.

The Applicant request a continuance to the next available meeting.

Motion to continue to 7:20pm on July 14th by Goetz, second Dyer. Motion carries 7-0-0. (Wiley, Goetz, Dyer, DiVirgilio, Burchesky, Ziemba, Bebis).

GENERAL BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Minutes:

Motion to accept the June 9th executive session minutes by Dyer, second DiVirgilio. Motion carries 5-0-2. (Wiley, Dyer, DiVirgilio, Ziemba, Bebis). Burchesky and Goetz abstained.

Motion to accept the June 9th minutes as edited by Dyer, second DiVirgilio. Motion carries 5-0-2. (Wiley, Dyer, DiVirgilio, Ziemba, Bebis). Burchesky and Goetz abstained.

Landis explained that the Commission will be meeting in person for the July 14th meeting. The rooms are set up to offer hybrid meetings if requested by an Applicant.

7:10 PM – Stormwater and Erosion Control Regulations and Wetland Bylaw Regulations Discussion on Revisions.

Wiley read the legal advertisement into the record.

Landis asked for a continuance to the July 14th meeting to allow more time to complete final edits.

Dyer asked if the process of changing the Bylaw to change the total number of truckloads of fill allowable could be changed. Allary will add this to the November agenda so the process can be stated in time for town meeting.

Goetz asked if there has been any discussion of starting a stormwater utility to raise money to deal with carrying out the Bylaw and Regulations. Landis replied that there has been some discussion but there's not agreement or plan in place yet.

Motion to continue to July 14 at 7:30 by Dyer, second by Goetz. Motion carries 7-0-0. (Wiley, Goetz, Dyer, DiVirgilio, Burchesky, Ziemba, Bebis).

GENERAL BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Conservation Agents Report

Open Meeting Law Covid-19 updates – the July 14th meeting will be held in person at town hall.

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

Notice of Noncompliance – Wallstreet Development - Boyden Estates Drainage –on-going

Dyer asked if anything was received from WallStreet Development and when they were asked to attend to discuss the project. Landis explained they'll be on the July 14th meeting.

Main St. #1900, DEP #315-1043 - on-going

The applicant provided a restoration plan and has begun to install the plants are proposed.

Notice of Noncompliance Brookside Village, DEP #315-1093– On-going

Landis explained that there are a few issues that are outstanding and need to be addressed.

Roof drains need to be infiltrated as shown on the plan. The rock wall needs some smaller sized stones to be added within the rock wall to prevent ongoing erosion issues. The plantings surrounding the wall is filling in and looks good.

Michael Curatola, the Applicant responded to Landis's concerns. He doesn't believe changing the current orientation of the roof drains will change the outcome of the infiltration of the runoff into the basin. He agreed to adding smaller rocks into the stone wall. He believes that the wall is built to the grade of the plan per his engineer, Rob Truax. The management of that area has been transferred to the property owner, Michael will provide contact information for that person.

Landis agreed to leaving the roof drains as they are since the area they run through is currently stable and not posing a risk for erosion. Michael will provide contact information for who is responsible for the site maintenance now and additional materials by the July 14th meeting.

Dyer - asked that Landis confirm that the grades are all per the approved plan.

Goetz - asked for confirmation that the roof drains aren't going to cause erosion and that the rip rap places at the outfalls is sufficient.

This will be discussed again on the July 14th meeting.

Palmer Lane, 3 and 4 – On-going
Nothing new

4 Lost Brook Trail – Notice of Violation-issued 4-20-21-Ongoing
Landis explained that the project is moving along and the planting are being installed.

Request for Extension

315-0850 – 18 Industrial Road

Motion to extend the Order of Conditions for 18 months by Goetz, second by Dyer. Motion carries 7-0-0. (Wiley, Goetz, Dyer, DiVirgilio, Burchesky, Ziemba, Bebis).

Request for Certificate of Compliance

Brookside Village - Landis explained that there is outstanding work that needs to be completed prior to issuing a Certification of Compliance.

GENERAL BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Conservation Agents Report

Pinnacle Point - Landis explained that she attended the adjudicatory hearing and has asked town counsel if the Commission should file anything. DEP's SOC states that the Neponset River is perennial from beginning to end and therefore has Riverfront Area, but that it also has areas of impoundments.

Motion to adjourn by Dyer, second by DiVirgilio. Motion carries 7-0-0. (Wiley, Goetz, Dyer, DiVirgilio, Burchesky, Ziemba, Bebis).

Regular meeting adjourned at 7:41PM.