

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**MINUTES
(Approved 1/25/12)**

January 11, 2012

Present: J. Wiley, Chairman
A. Goetz, Vice Chairman
B. Dyer, R. Turner, S. Sparks, D. Adams, J. Finnigan

Also Present: L. Hershey, Conservation Agent

MEETING OPENED: 6:50

MINUTES

DECEMBER 14, 2011

Ms. Dyer made the motion to accept and approve the Minutes for December 14, 2011

Mr. Goetz seconded the motion

Vote: 5-0-2 (Mr. Finnigan and Mr. Adams abstained)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
DECEMBER 14, 2011**

Ms. Dyer made the motion to approve and accept the Executive Session Minutes for December 14, 2011

Mr. Goetz seconded the motion

Vote: 5-0-2 (Mr. Finnigan and Mr. Adams abstained)

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

**GRISTMILL LN. LOT 22
DEP #315-901**

Mr. Goetz made the motion to approve and issue a Certificate of Compliance

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 7-0-0

**ADAMS FARM (VOLLEYBALL CTS.)
NORTH ST.
DEP #315-972**

Ms. Dyer made the motion to approve and issue a Certificate of Compliance
Mr. Adams seconded the motion
Vote: 7-0-0

HIGHLAND LAKE DR. #4
DEP# 315-942

Mr. Goetz made the motion to approve and issue a Certificate of Compliance
Ms. Dyer seconded the motion
Vote: 7-0-0

PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF INTENT
WASHINGTON ST. #1148
DEP# 315-983
OPENED: 7:00

Mr. Wiley read the advertisement from the Walpole Times. Green cards were collected

Mr. Wiley read board comments into the record

Mr. John Glossa, Glossa Engineering, was present representing applicant Phil Macchi II. Mr. Macchi SR. was present. Plans entitled "1148 Washington St. Plan of Land in Walpole MA" and dated 12/12/11 were given to the board and presented by Mr. Glossa. He stated the existing house was built in the 1930's and the applicant is hoping to demolish and reconstruct a new house in place of renovating. He is also proposing to take down and rebuild a shed in the back of the house. Mr. Glossa stated the shed will have no foundation, but be placed on sonar tubes. There is a small pond with BVW in the back of the house. A gravel driveway already exists, and Mr. Glossa stated erosion controls, including haybales, silt fence and orange construction fence will be in place. Excavated soils will be used in the front yard to create slope towards Washington St. and any extra excavated materials shall be removed from site. Minor excavation will occur in the back and once completed will be put back to the same cover as what is existing now.

Ms. Hershey stated she has no specific concerns about the house construction. A site visit was completed and she had some questions regarding the removal of vegetation which had occurred in the back of the house within the 100' buffer.

Mr. Sparks asked if any dewatering would be needed and also about stockpiling

Mr. Glossa stated staked haybales will be put around any stockpiled areas within the resource area during construction

Mr. Wiley asked for questions or comments from the audience

Mr. Wiley stated he would like a locus map added to the plan

Mr. Goetz made the motion to close the Public Hearing

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 7-0-0

Meeting Closed: 7:20

The commission discussed standard boiler plate conditions and included the applicant shall be required to provide erosion controls surrounding stockpiled areas that are located within the buffer zone during construction.

Mr. Goetz made the motion to approve and issue an Order of Conditions with conditions

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 7-0-0

DISCUSSION

ATLANTIC CT.

A Discussion took place with Mr. Michael Viano regarding his request for the board to support a view easement for property located at Atlantic Ct. The board will continue to review and find agreeable language to work with Mr. Viano

TURNERS POND

A discussion took place regarding the Ponds Committee request to put another board in at Turners Pond as they feel it will help conditions at the pond for skating. The board disagrees and do not want to bring the water level up at this time.

Mr. Turner left the meeting at 7:55

General Business was discussed

BUTTIMERS PROPERTY

Mr. Wiley stated the Board of Selectmen made it clear they would not support an Article where a town override would be needed. He stated the Recreation Dept. is voting tonight as to whether they will co-sponsor this article with the conservation commission. Mr. Wiley stated a fund raising committee is being set up to continue and look for other sponsors and funding for the purchase of this property

URBAN RIVERS GRANT

Ms. Hershey stated the EPA is sponsoring an Urban Rivers Grant and she would like to apply for this. She discussed the Grant which targets education and networking tools to

work with landscaping companies and other businesses. Ms. Hershey stated she is working with Stephanie Mercandetti of Economic Development on this. The board discussed water quality monitoring and the possibility of purchasing equipment such as rain gauges for the schools in Town as an education tool.

RECREATION DEPT.

Ms. Dyer stated that Josh Cole of the Recreation Department is requesting to interview a few of the conservation commission board members to discuss conservation land for the video he is creating. The board has no issues with this request

BOARD COMMENTS

PLIMPTONVILLE CROSSING – PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board is requesting comments regarding a filing on Plimptonville Crossing, located on Plimpton St. The layout of the project has been reconfigured and stormwater calculations are changing so the board discussed the applicant will need to come before the conservation commission for a possible amendment to the order of conditions

ENFORCEMENT ORDERS

Ms. Hershey stated there is nothing new to report on the Enforcement Orders which are still on-going

APPEALS

Ms. Hershey stated nothing is new on the Frontier Dr. Lot 18 appeal

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was discussed and available for the commission to review:

- BSC Group- Riverwalk Commons report
- Economic Development Workshop
- Conceco Report – Allied Recycling

Ms. Dyer made the motion to adjourn

Mr. Adams seconded the motion

Meeting Closed: 9:15