

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES (Approved 1/11/12)

DECEMBER 14, 2011

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

Absent: D. Adams, J. Finnigan

Also Present: L. Hershey, Conservation Agent

Conservation Agent report given to members

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OF INTENT INDUSTRIAL RD. #3-5 DEP# 315-981

OPENED: 7:05

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

Mr. Wiley read board comments into the record

Mr. Rob Truax, GLM Engineering was present along with the applicant Mr. William Duggan of William Duggan Co., Inc. Plans entitled "Proposed Parking Area Reconstruction 3-5 Industrial Rd." and dated October 20, 2011 were presented to the board

Mr. Truax prefaced by reminding the commission an Order of Conditions is currently open for work that took place on the other side of the building. This Notice of Intent filing is for proposed parking reconstruction and is considered a redevelopment project under the Stormwater Management bylaw. Mr. Truax stated the parking area in disrepair is located on the southerly side of the existing building and the project includes a stormwater O&M plan to provide treatment of runoff. A new catch basin and manhole will be constructed with deep sumps and hoods and will be tied into the existing catch basin and new manhole. Mr. Truax stated the proposal of constructing a gravel swale to direct runoff to a sediment basin to prevent anything going into the wetlands. Stormwater drainage reports were presented dated 12/13/11. Mr. Truax stated the wetland line was flagged by his associate Joyce Hastings, and this project would be an improvement to existing conditions due to poor soil conditions and the high water table. He also stated the

intent to redo and maintain the existing sidewalks which will also prevent anything going into the street. Erosion controls including haybales will be in place.

Ms. Hershey stated she completed a site visit and feels the wetlands line is accurate. She asked about a snow removal area.

Mr. Truax stated he will look to create an area for the snow to be placed

Mr. Turner stated he thinks adding the catch basin is a good idea and asked about the use of vortex units

Mr. Truax stated he prefers using the oversized manhole as it's easier to clean

The commission reviewed and discussed the plans including the revision on 12/13 which includes the gravel swale. Snow storage areas were discussed.

Mr. Truax stated he will update the O&M plan and include a vac truck to clean the catch basins. He stated this could be put in the order as a special condition

Mr. Wiley asked for questions or comments from the audience

Mr. Goetz made the motion to close the Public Hearing

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 5-0-0

Closed: 7:35

The commission discussed using referring to the swale as washed stone instead of gravel; and an O&M plan will be revised showing the swale and the basin. A Snow removal area shall be shown on the plan. Revised plan will be needed prior to issuance

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

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 5-0-0

Mr. Truax asked while he was there to discuss the open Order of Conditions on the same property, DEP# 315-922. He is hoping to request a Certificate of Compliance and will submit as-built plans. He is requesting that the applicant put no alteration bounds on the property instead of on a fence which was originally agreed upon. The applicant does not need the fence after all and would like permission from the board for this change. All other work has been completed.

The board had no issue with this. Ms. Hershey will complete a site visit once the request and as-built has been submitted.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Dyer told the commission that Josh Cole from the Recreation Dept is in the audience tonight to shoot photos of the commission conducting business. They will also be filming a future site visit. The purpose is for a video to be made showing the commission at work. A similar video was just done of the Ponds Committee

**PUBLIC HEARING
COBB TERRACE#16
NOTICE OF INTENT
DEP# 315-982**

Opened: 7:40

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

Board comments were read into the record

Mr. Dan Merrikin, Merrikin Engineering was present along with the applicant's son Eric Hampe. Plans were presented entitled "16 Cobb Terrace Tank Removal Plan of Land in Walpole" and dated November 8, 2011. He stated this Notice of Intent is for the removal of an underground oil tank which has not been used in years. They are in the process of trying to sell the house and this is required. Mr. Merrikin stated the intent is to remove the tank, loam and seed to make it a landscape. The wetlands have been verified and six flags have been placed. Mr. Merrikin stated the lot abuts Cobb's pond and includes two resource areas, BVW and Borderland land subject to flooding. The work involved is very small and located in one area of the lot. Once the underground heating tank is excavated it will be removed and disposed of. Mr. Merrikin stated the Fire Dept. will monitor this. Mr. Merrikin stated erosion controls including a line of haybales and silt fence will be installed and maintained until the area has been re-vegetated. Filter sock will be placed as well to insure no sediment will go into the BVW.

Ms. Hershey stated she has no concerns and had completed a site visit. She stated temporary mulch should be put in and asked about de-watering.

Mr. Merrikin stated he does not think it necessary but if needed will be prepared.

Mr. Goetz asked if there would be a chance of leakage from the tank

Mr. Merrikin stated oil is still in the tank and it has not been used for years so it must be intact.

Mr. Wiley asked for questions or comments from the audience

Mr. Goetz made the motion to close the Public Hearing

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 5-0-0

Closed: 8:50

Special conditions: the area shall be temporarily mulched to stabilize until the growing season when it can be loamed and seeded; notify the agent when the tank removal takes place.

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

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 5-0-0

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

VOLLEYBALL COURTS

STONE/SCHOOL ST.

DEP# 315-961

Ms. Hershey stated this was the original filing for the volleyball court which never commenced as the location changed. The Town Engineer is asking for a Certificate of Compliance to close out the project

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

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 5-0-0

A general business meeting took place

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 9, 2011

Ms. Dyer made the motion to approve the Minutes for November 9, 2011

Mr. Turner seconded the motion

Vote: 3-0-2 (Mr. Goetz and Mr. Sparks abstained)

BUTTNER PROPERTY

Mr. Wiley stated he has a meeting with the Board of Selectmen on January 10, 2012 to discuss the Buttner property and the grant. He stated there is nothing new on this at the time.

The following correspondence was discussed and available for review:

- Sewer & Water letter – Open Space plan
- AMEC letter- re: 100 Neponset St.
- Aquatic Control Year end report – Clark's Pond
- Inspection report – Allen Pond (Walpole Country Club)

- DEP letter – audit inspection 1333 Main St.

Ms. Hershey stated there is nothing new with Appeal on Frontier Dr. or Enforcement Orders

**PUBLIC MEETING
COUNTRY CLUB DR. #14
REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION**

Opened: 8:00

Mr. Wiley read the advertisement from the Walpole Times and read board comments into the record

Mr. John Glossa, of Glossa Engineering was present representing the applicant Arthur Celentano of 14 Country Club Dr. He stated this filing is similar to other filings he has come before the board for the repair of a failed septic system. Plans entitled “#14 Country Club Dr. On-Site Sewage Treatment and Disposal Plan of Land in Walpole MA” and dated 11/23/11 was submitted to the board for review.

Mr. Glossa stated this area on Country Club Dr. is notorious for the high water table. He stated the wetlands were flagged in back and all proposed work will conform to Title V and local Board of Health Regulations. Mr. Glossa is proposing a retaining wall to ring the system which will be constructed. He also stated the leaching system will be close to the street and the work will occur within 25-30 ft. of wetlands. Mr. Glossa stated double stacked haybales will be in place prior to construction, the area will be stabilized and loamed and seeded. Mr. Glossa feels this project is beneficial to the wetlands

Mr. Sparks asked when the project would begin and Mr. Glossa stated the hope is to do it this year.

There were no specific concerns from the board. De-watering was discussed and Mr. Glossa stated he will work this out with the agent if necessary

Mr. Wiley asked for questions or comments from the audience

Mr. Goetz made the motion to close the Public Meeting

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 5-0-0

Closed: 8:20

Ms. Dyer made the motion to approve and issue a Negative 3 Determination w/conditions

Mr. Goetz seconded the motion

Vote: 5-0-0

**PUBLIC MEETING
LEONARD RD. #8
REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION**

Opened: 8:20

Mr. Wiley read the advertisement from the Walpole Times. Certificates of mailings were accepted

Mr. Wiley read Board Comments into the record

Thomas and Marlene Shields were present representing the Shields Family Trust. He stated this filing is for the proposal to build a single family house located at 8 Leonard Rd.

Ms. Hershey stated this is a Request for Determination and all activity is to be located outside the 100' buffer zone.

The commission discussed the plan submitted entitled "Building Permit Plan of Land in Walpole MA" by John Anderson & Associates. Ms. Hershey suggested to the Board that prior to construction the wetland line be flagged. She stated she completed a site visit and is confident with the line as it is shown on the plan. She also stated all activity is outside the wetland line. Ms. Hershey has no other issues

Mr. Goetz made the motion to close the Public Meeting

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 5-0-0

Closed: 8:30

The commission discussed approving and issuing this as a Negative 4 w/ conditions. The wetlands need to be verified and flagged prior to the work commencing

Mr. Goetz made the motion to approve and issue a Negative 4 Determination

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 5-0-0

OTHER BUSINESS

TURNERS POND

The commission discussed working on protocol and putting something in writing for issues in regards to pond management including water levels, removal and adding boards etc.

The commission discussed going into executive session and adjourn following.

Mr. Goetz made the motion to go into Executive Session at 8:40 to discuss Performance Evaluations for the Conservation Agent and the Board Secretary

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 5-0-0

The Chairman asked for a roll call vote:

Mr. Wiley – aye; Mr. Goetz – aye; Ms. Dyer – aye; Mr. Turner – aye; Mr. Sparks – aye

Meeting closed at 9:00