

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

(Approved July 13, 2011)

JUNE 22, 2011

Present: J. Wiley, Chairman
A. Goetz, Vice Chairman

B. Dyer, S. Sparks, R. Turner, J. Finnigan, D. Adams

Also Present: L. Hershey, Conservation Agent

Conservation Agent report given to members

MEETING OPENED: 6:48

CONT. PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF INTENT

NORTH ST. LOT 1

DEP# 315-969

Mr. Wiley read the Advertisement from the Walpole Times

Mr. Rick Goodrow, of United Consultants, presented revised plans dated June 14, 2011

Mr. Wiley read new Board Comments into the record

Mr. Goodrow, conducted site walk with Ms. Hershey and reviewed the wetland line. It was determined that plantings (8) would be put in between the wetland boundary and retaining wall. Mr. Goodrow stated High Bush Blueberry and American Witch hazel are what he would propose.

Ms. Hershey stated she did review the line with Mr. Goodrow and based on the vegetation he did feel plantings work out better than moving the wetland line. She stated they also discussed an area for snow removal in the winter months.

Mr. Goodrow stated an area on the north side of driveway would be the area for snow removal

Mr. Goetz made the motion to close the Public Hearing

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 7-0-0

Closed: 6:54

Special conditions include maintenance of the plantings in perpetuity. Use of straw wattles, snow removal to northerly side of driveway, preconstruction meeting prior to construction, and no sodium based products shall be used on driveway

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

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 7-0-0

Sean Sparks recused himself from the following Public Hearing

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF INTENT

NIGHTINGALE FARM RD #12

DEP# 315-970

OPENED: 7:00

Mr. Wiley read the ad from the times. Green cards were collected

Mr. Wiley read board comments into the record

Mr. Rob Truax, GLM Engineering was present representing the applicant. Plans entitled "Proposed Garage Plan, 12 Nightingale Farm Rd. Walpole, MA" and dated 5/27/11 were presented to the commission. There is an existing two-car garage on the property at this time and Mr. Truax stated this Notice of Intent is for the construction of an additional two-car 24x24 detached garage located approximately 28 ft. from BVW. Mr. Truax stated that in the Northerly corner of this property there is an easement with an existing detention basin. Ms. Hastings of GLM delineated the wetlands and flagged the area. Mr. Truax stated the garage will act as a retaining wall in the back of the wetland side and the garage will pitch towards the street. Silt barriers will follow along the right side of the property, and Mr. Truax stated that no expansion of yard is being proposed.

Ms. Hershey stated she did not have the chance to complete a site visit for this filing. She stated that a filing was submitted in 2006 for a patio to be put in plus there was a Notice of Intent for the construction of the house. Ms. Hershey stated the wetland line for the patio and for this filing appears to be different, and no data sheets were submitted. Ms. Hershey stated the detention basin needs to be cleaned out and she would like to complete a site visit.

Mr. Wiley stated the detention basin should be shown on the plan.

Mr. Truax stated that Joyce Hastings will be in touch with Ms. Hershey and set up a time to walk the site and look at the wetland delineation

Mr. Goetz stated he would like to see the inlet and outlet for the basin shown on plan and see where it is going. He also stated there should be a program showing maintenance of the basin put in the Order.

Mr. Goetz made the motion to continue the Public Hearing until July 13, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 6-0-0

OTHER BUSINESS

MINUTES

JUNE 8, 2011

Mr. Goetz made the motion to accept the minutes for June 8, 2011

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

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

BOARD COMMENTS

The Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals requested comments for the filing of Sharon Credit Union. The commission has no comments as the project is not within the jurisdiction of the commission

PUBLIC MEETING

OPEN SPACE & RECREATION

Opened: 7:30

Mr. Wiley read the Advertisement from the Walpole Times.

Mr. John Murtagh was present at the meeting and will vote as a member of the Open Space and Recreation Committee.

Ms. Hershey presented the commission a map showing codes of land use in Walpole. She got the information from the Assessors office, and color coded the areas based on the definition of Open Space. She showed on the map conservation restriction areas as well.

The commission discussed conservation restrictions and specific areas in town

In addition to the parcels, areas of significance were identified including Cedar Swamp, the Neponset River Corridor, Traphole Brook and MineBrook for groundwater use as well as biodiversity. Agricultural land including the Town Forest and Aggie are also included in the list of Town Lands and shown on the map.

Ms. Hershey and the commission discussed an analysis of needs into different categories that include resource protection, quality and quantity of groundwater, ponds, rivers and streams, and protection of open space for areas of biodiversity

Ms. Hershey discussed community needs including fields, signage, maps and education, trail links, maintenance of trails and field accessibilities

Management changes and goals for Open Space and Recreation were discussed as well. The importance of protecting and improving drinking water, protection of natural resources, improving the existing open space, recreation fields and facilities and maintenance. Ms. Hershey discussed current open space filings such as the Volleyball Courts which will be constructed on Adams Farm.

Ms. Hershey discussed the importance of Pond Management for Clark and Turners Pond and working to locate stormwater management structures for improvement to the water quality.

The Board thanked Ms. Hershey and Mr. Johnson for their role as management advisors on the Open Space and Recreation plan. The commission discussed their approval for this to be presented as a draft for the Open Space and Recreation plan.

Mr. Goetz made the motion to close the Public Meeting

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 8-0-0

Closed: 8:15

Mr. Adams made the motion to approve the plan presented as a draft for Open Space and Recreation

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 8-0-0

DISCUSSION

SOUTH ST. #400

Mr. Truax of GLM Engineering and P.J. Hayes, the owner of 400 South St. were present. The commission requested they come before the Board to discuss current Enforcement issues. Revised plans dated 6/21/11 were presented. The commission had asked Mr. Truax to speak with the owner and discuss options for demarcation along the parking pavement. Either the use of large boulders or a post and rail fence was suggested. The commission would like boulders for demarcation. Mr. Truax also discussed a grading plan with a basin to be constructed in the corner for overflow issues. Plantings will be placed along the 25ft. buffer to include whatever the commission deems appropriate.

Mr. Goetz discussed the maintenance of the basin area and the importance of it being cleaned out in order to work properly

The commission discussed the owner completing the work discussed under an open enforcement order. The restoration work can be done now and a follow up will take place mid-September showing the plantings have been put in. A Notice of Intent filing will follow shortly thereafter and the restoration work can be incorporated into special conditions of the Order of Conditions

BUTTNER PROPERTY

The commission discussed the potential for the Town to purchase 72 acres of the Buttner property located between North and Fisher Streets. The commission discussed the urgency of the conservation commission to endorse the purchase of this property. The support could help insure the protection of wetland and open space resources. A letter showing support will be sent to the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Goetz made the motion to support the purchase of the Buttner property for the protection of open space and wetland resources

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 6-1-0 (Mr. Finnigan opposed)

VOLLEYBALL CTS.

Mr. Wiley stated the Board of Selectmen approved the relocation of the Volleyball Courts to Adams Farm. A site visit was completed with the Town Engineer and an area at Adams Farm was determined suitable for the courts. Ms. Hershey and Ms. Walker are putting together a Notice of Intent filing and will have it ready for the July 13th meeting.

ENFORCEMENT ORDERS

Ms. Hershey stated she has nothing new to report on #8 Tanglewood Dr or #440 West St.

OTHER BUSINESS

TURNERS POND DOCKS

Ms. Hershey stated that questions regarding the docks at Turners Pond were forwarded to Town Counsel. They have asked to review the deed and will get back to Ms. Hershey

APPEALS

Frontier Dr. #18

Ms. Hershey states there is nothing new regarding Frontier Dr.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was discussed and available for review:

- Beals & Thomas – former Bird Machine Co.
- DCR – Hazard Mitigation Grant

The commission gave Ms. Hershey remaining parcel information that was reviewed

Mr. Turner made the motion to adjourn

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 7-0-0

Closed: 9:15